

LOVE SO LIFE

Kaede Kouchi

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Shiharu is the
babysitter
of the Matsunaga
household's
angel twins,
Aoi & Akane.
They are close
and happy
like a family already,
But why is Shiharu
feeling anxious
towards
Matsunaga-san...?
And now,
Matsunaga-san
is down because of
a high fever!
What is this
sudden approach
from the feverish
Matsunaga-san to
his nurse, Shiharu?
Moreover,
storms are
brewing at school...!!



Hana to Yume Comics

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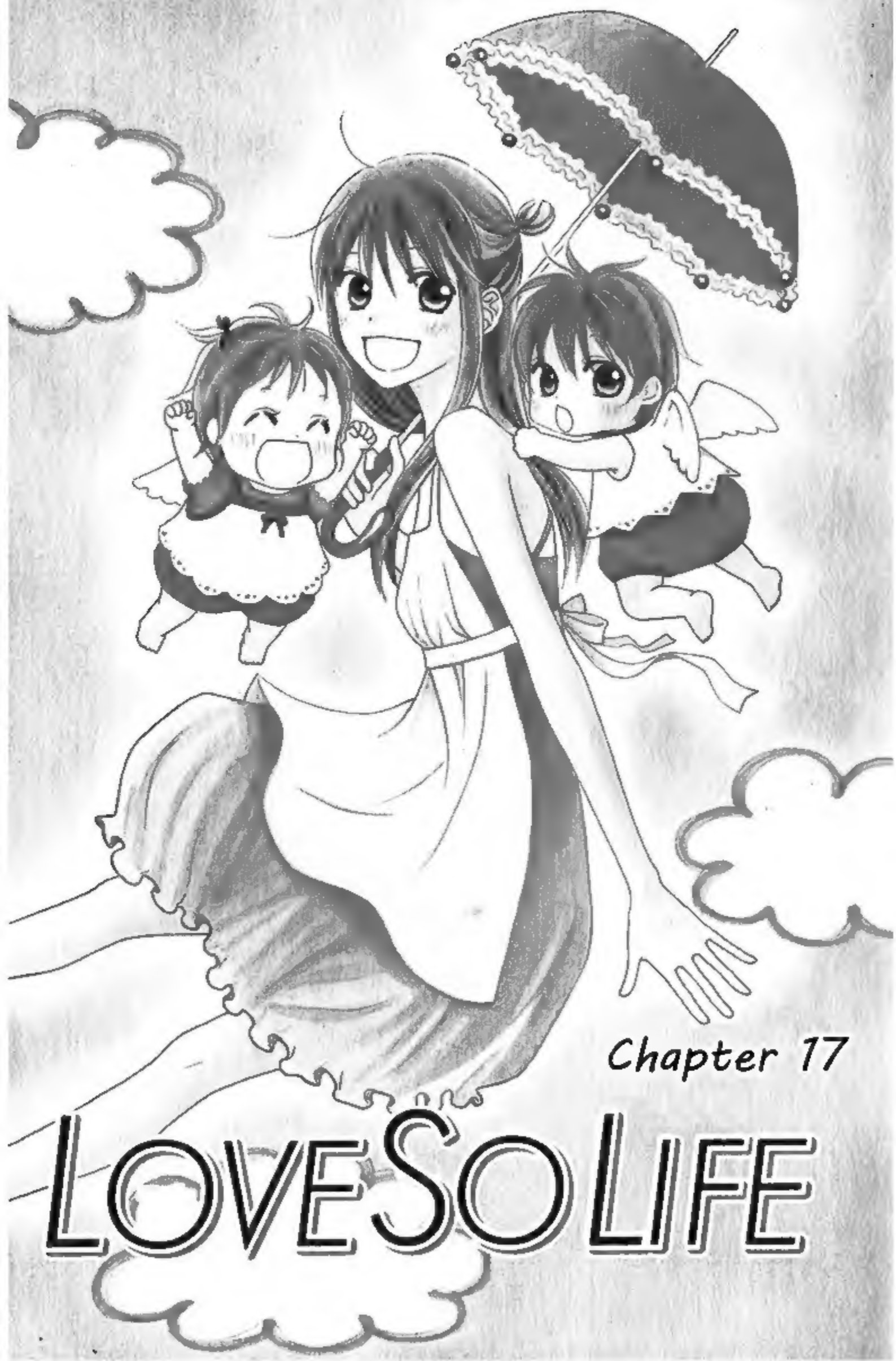




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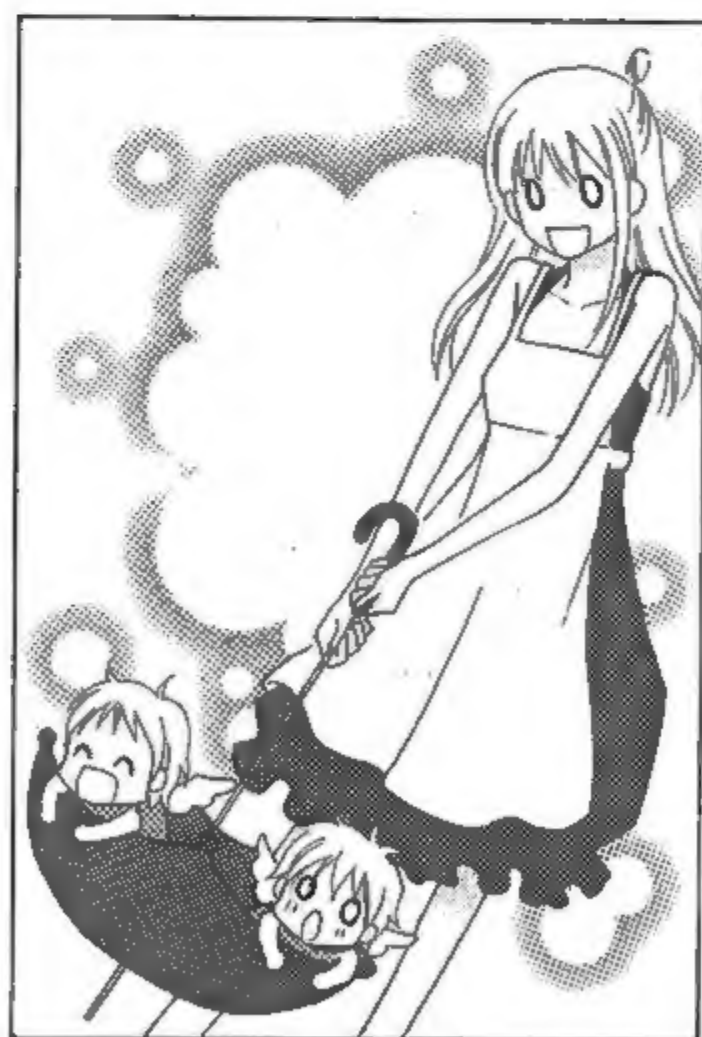
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Chapter 17

LOVESO LIFE







A COLD ?

NO
...

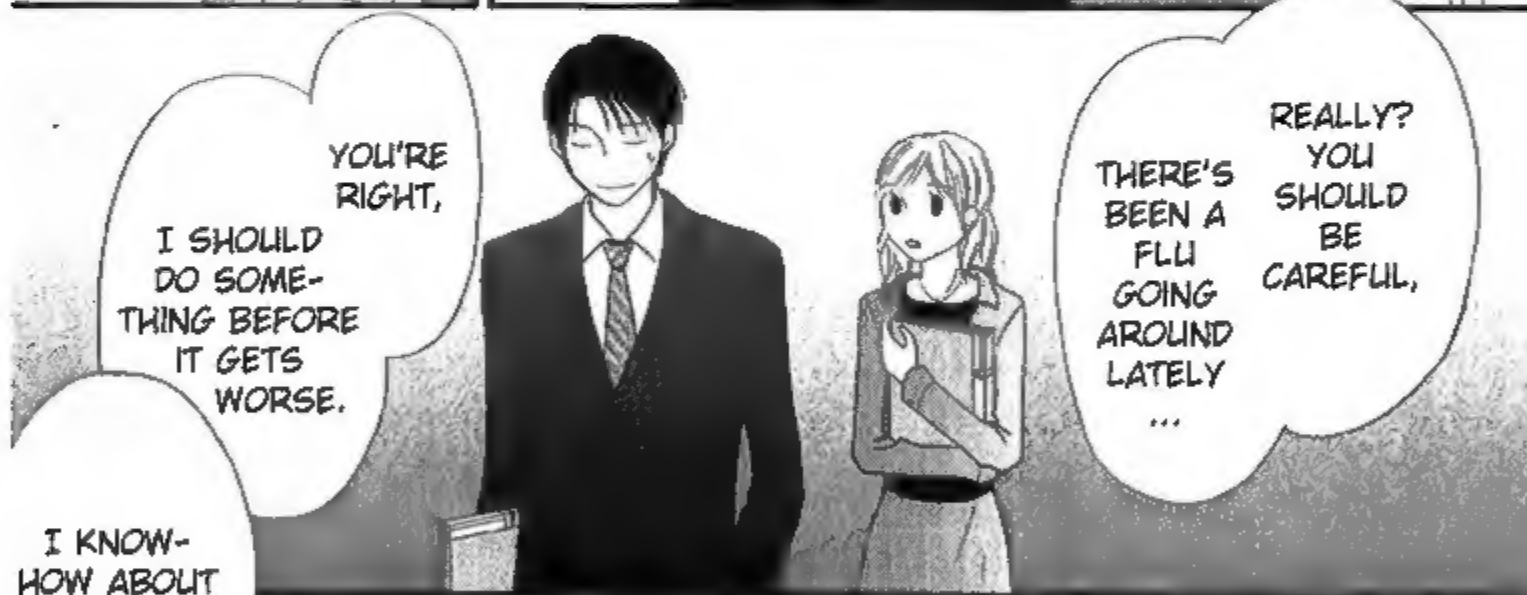
MY THROAT
SEEMS TO
BE IN A
BAD STATE.
ONLY A BIT,
THOUGH...



I'M
VERY
SORRY.

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT,
MATSU-
NAGA-
SAN?

YOU
COUGHED
ON TAPE
EARLIER,
TOO.



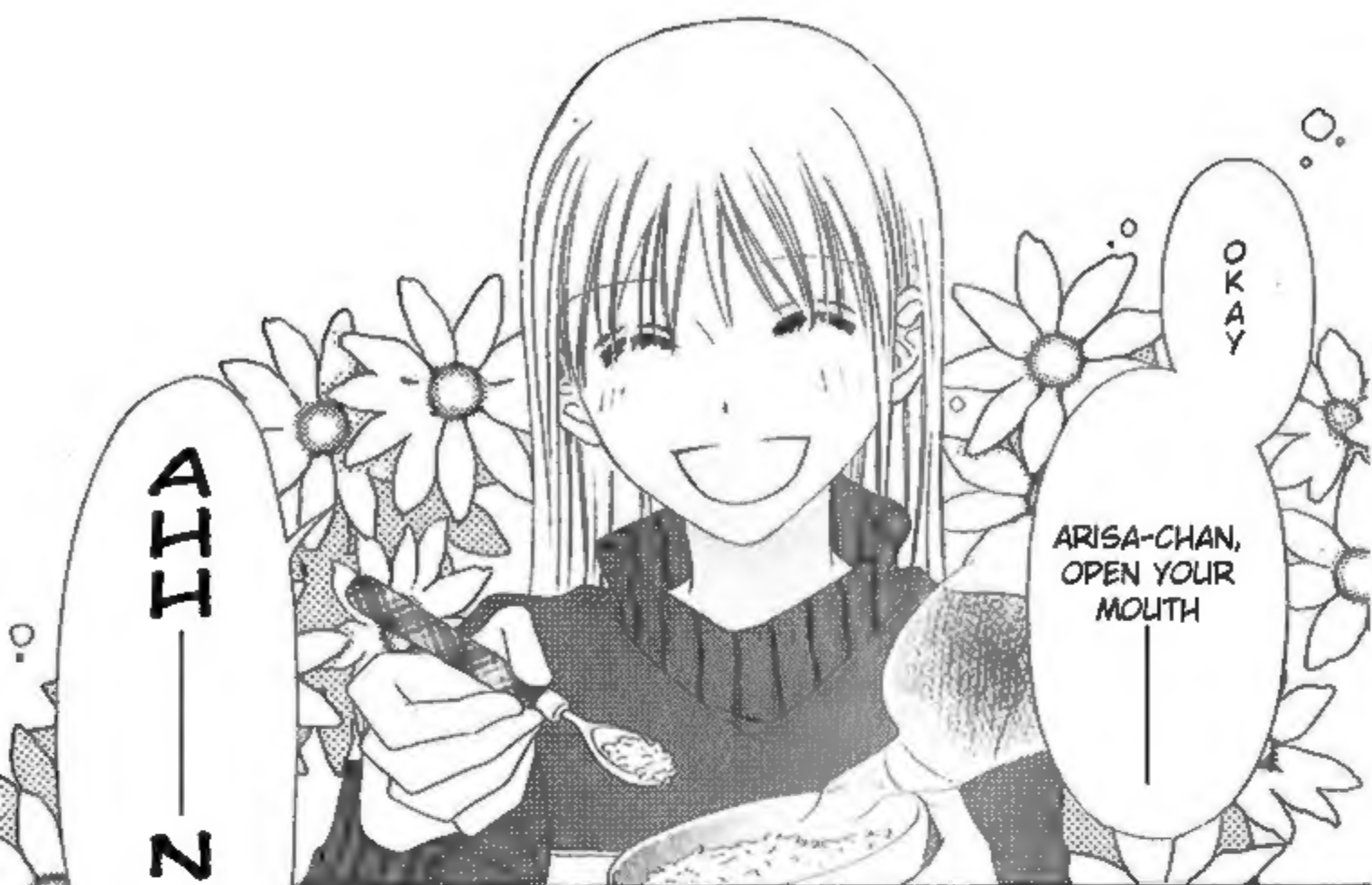
YOU'RE
RIGHT,

I SHOULD
DO SOME-
THING BEFORE
IT GETS
WORSE.

I KNOW-
HOW ABOUT
TAKING A
BREAK-?

REALLY?
YOU
SHOULD
BE
CAREFUL,
THERE'S
BEEN A
FLU
GOING
AROUND
LATELY
...







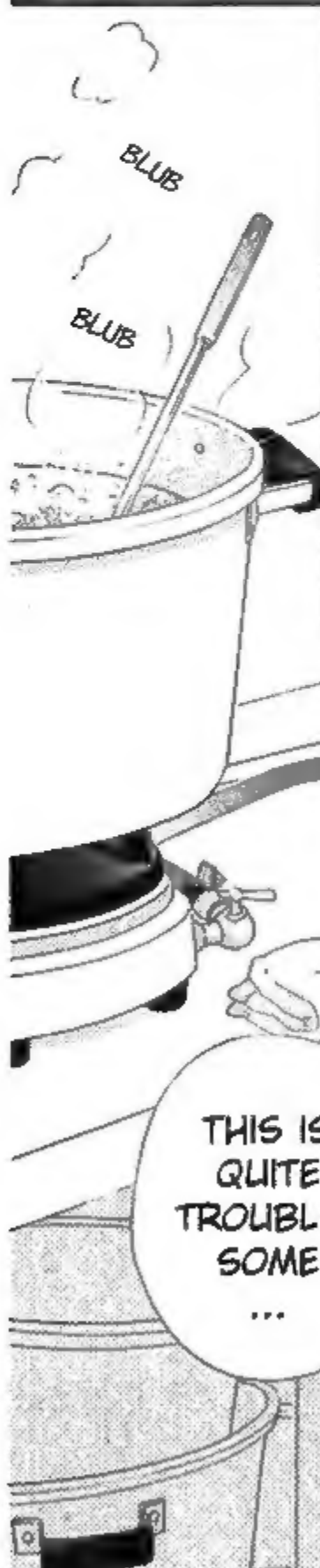
COULD
IT BE
THAT
NAO-KUN
...

HUH
!?
WHAT'RE YOU
TALKIN'
ABOUT?

OH!

GIVE
ME
YOUR
COLD! I
COMM-
AND
YOU!!

SILENCE...



BLUB

BLUB



YOU WANT
TO BE
NURSED
BY SHIHARU-
CHAN

?

WHA
...

STU-
PI...

NO
...



THIS IS
QUITE
TROUBLE-
SOME
...

YEAH
...

THAT
WAS
TOO
EASY.

OF
COURSE
NOT,
STUPID
!!



Right now
at the
Institute

has a
chilly
feeling
to it.

The wind
blowing
against
my cheek
today

A cold has
been going
around

But to
think that
everyone..

How
scary.

I have
to look out
for Tokane-
chan and Toki-
kun, too.

I'M
LEAVING
NOW.

I wonder if
Matsunaga-
san is okay..?

He seems
pretty busy
lately...

But

...



But I'm
a bit
relieved

I haven't been
able to see Matsu-
naga-san very much.

Recently



I become
anxious...

I don't
under-
stand
why, but
every
time we're
together,



How
strange

...



Shiharu-tan,
let's pway
fanning.

!!



AND
AOI-KUN
IS PAPA
?

Yep
!!

AL-
RIGHT
!

THEN IS
AKANE-
CHAN
MAMA
?

Papa
!



I'M
HOME! AH,
I'M SO
HUNGRY

MAMA,
IS DINNER
READY YET
?

THEN, I'LL
BE THE
DAUGH-
TER!

Shiharu-
tan
daughter!





COULD
IT BE
...



Let's
watch
TV!

NOOP

But
Sei-tan...

UNLESS
YOU'RE
EXHAUSTED,
DON'T DO
THAT, OKAY
...?

A...
AOI-
KUN



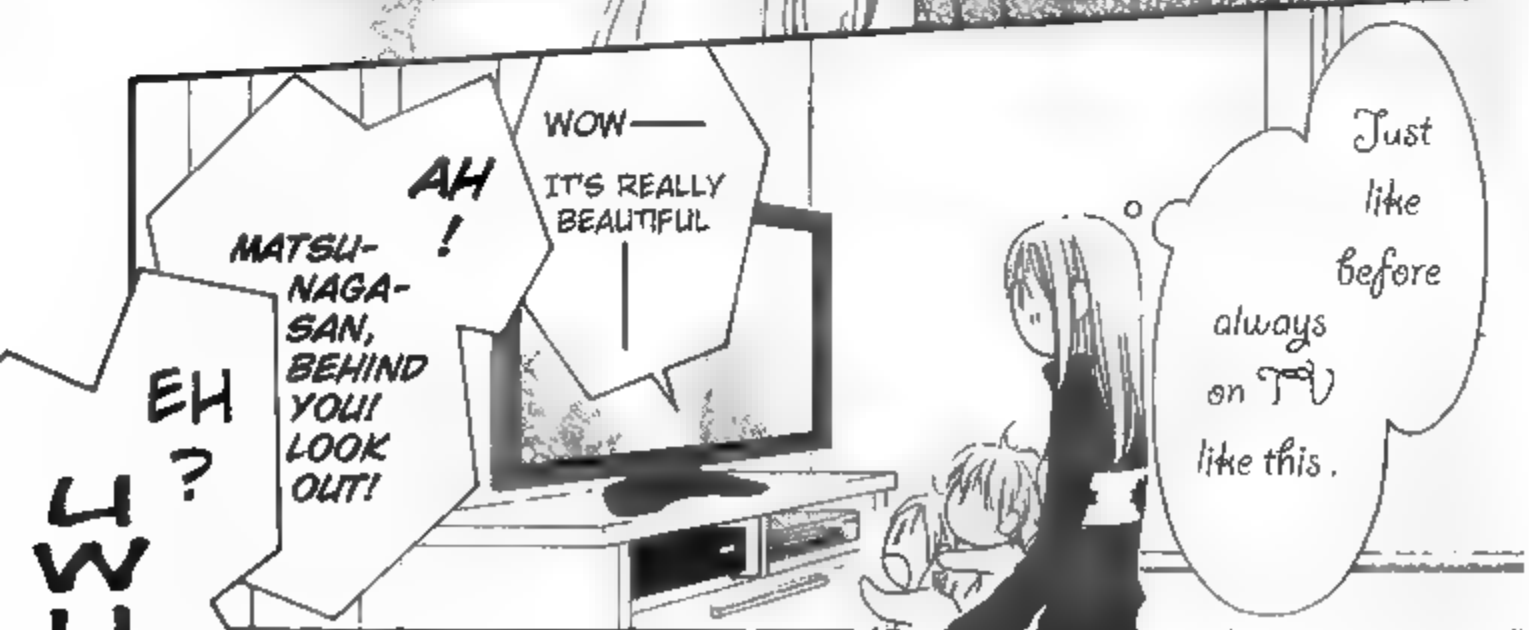
Ah

Sei-
tan!

UH—
TODAY WE'RE
TAKING A
TRIP TO

TOKYO'S
MUSASHINO
CITY. WE'RE
NOW IN
INO GASHI-
RAONSHI
PARK.

...



WOW—
IT'S REALLY
BEAUTIFUL

AH
!

MATSU-
NAGA-
SAN,
BEHIND
YOU!
LOOK
OUT!

EH
?

DOIST
73104

Just
like
before
always
on TV
like this.



Hello everyone
Thank you for
having purchased
volume 4

Lately I have been
busy and haven't
had any leisure
time to spare
That's why, when I
did have a bit of
leisure time, I went
to karaoke alone
singing one piece
and D'gon Ball's
opening theme
songs continu-
ously

It was not like I
was singing, but
rather screaming
to relieve my
stress until I went
home



This month's one-
time Explosion of
solitude

IT'S A
COLD

TAKE YOUR
TIME AND
REST WELL.

hmmmm
THE TEST
RESULTS
SHOW THAT
IT'S NOT
INFLUENZA,
BUT...

BECAUSE
YOU HAVE
A HIGH
FEVER
DON'T
OVERDO-

ME...
MEDI-
CINE...

PLEASE GIVE
ME YOUR MOST
EFFECTIVE
MEDICINE...!

I HAVE AN IM-
PORTANT
BROADCAST IN
TWO DAYS!!

Internal
Department



hah

hah



how un-
lucky...

YES...

I was already
paying attention
but !!

Umm...
I WILL PRE-
SCRIBE YOU THE
STRONGEST
MEDICINE WE
HAVE, BUT... ♪

YOU HAVE
TO AT LEAST
REST PROP-
ERLY, AL-
RIGHT?

let's
see...

I should leave the
two of them to
Nakamura-san's
nursery

ANYWAYS, I
MUST NOT
SPREAD IT TO
THE KIDS AND
NAKAMURA-
SAN...

YOU'VE CAUGHT
A COLD, RIGHT?
IF YOU ARE ALL
BY YOURSELF,
WITH NOBODY
BESIDE YOU...

I'M OKAY,
TOTALLY
OKAY, IT'S
NOT THAT
BAD A
COLD —

cough

cough

...EH?

...BUT
MATSUMA-
GA-SAN, CAN
YOU HANG
ON ALL BY
YOUR-
SELF...?



THIS KIND
OF COLD,
HOW MANY
YEARS HAS
IT BEEN?

my body is heavy

hah

SEIJI-
KUN,

YOU HAVE
A HIGH
FEVER, SO
PLEASE GO
HOME
EARLY FOR
TODAY.

TO BE
HOME
ALONE...

VROOM

HOW
LONG
HAS IT
BEEN?

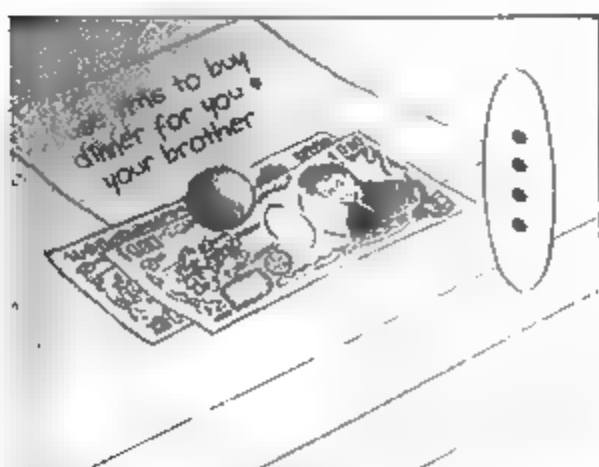
WHEN LET THEM AC-
COMPANY YOU TO
THE HOSPITAL,
OKAY?

AH-....
UH...

EH...

YOU HAVE
SOMEONE AT
HOME, RIGHT?

...YES...







AH...!

I'VE ALSO NOTIFIED THE FACILITY THAT I WOULD BE HOME LATE TODAY...

I'M SORRY FOR DOING SUCH A SELFISH THING...

WE USE SEPARATE ROOMS, SO IT'S NOT THAT EASY FOR THEM TO GET INFECTED!

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AFTER YOUR CALL- AH! THE TWO OF THEM ARE SLEEPING NOW...

hah

hah

Rollin' go home-...

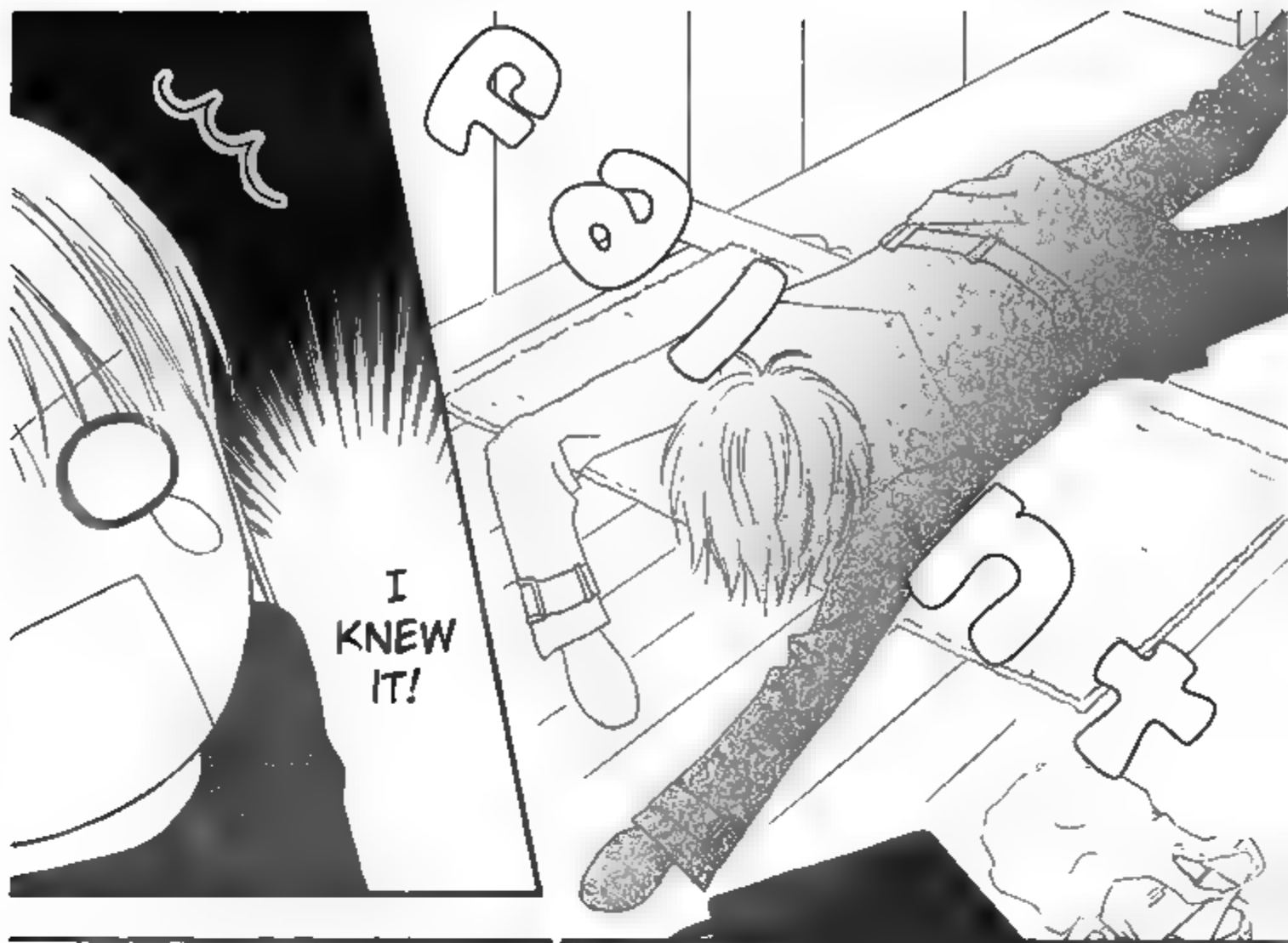
THAT...

THAT'S WHY... LIM...

...

please...

if you don't go home now...



BUT I'M
OVER
HERE...!

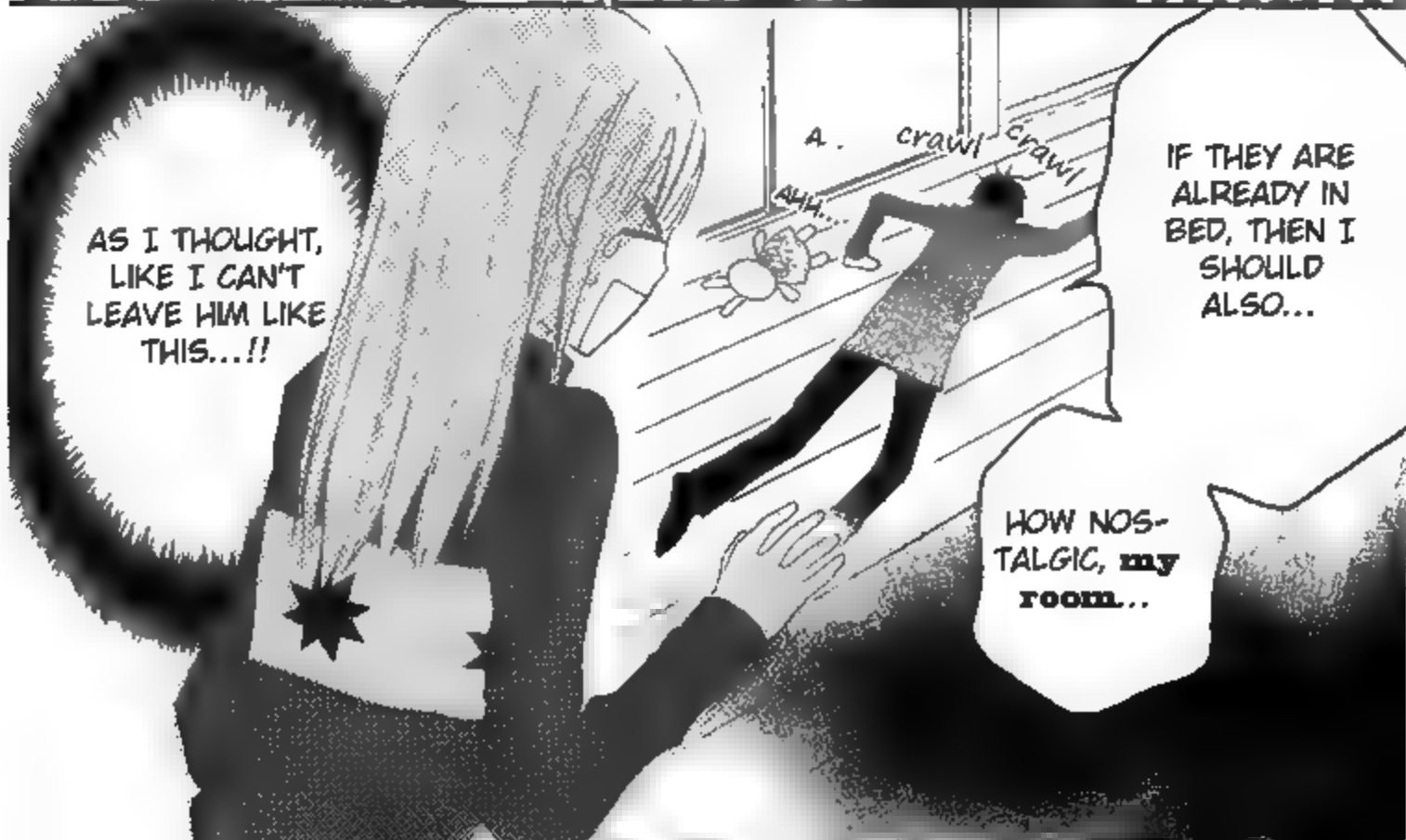
NAKAMURA-
SAN MUST GO
BACK NOW...!



IT'S...

IT'S
NO
GOOD...

MATSUNAGA-
SAN, PLEASE
HANG ON...!



AS I THOUGHT,
LIKE I CAN'T
LEAVE HIM LIKE
THIS...!!

A... crawl-crawl!

IF THEY ARE
ALREADY IN
BED, THEN I
SHOULD
ALSO...

HOW NOS-
TALGIC, *my*
room...



PLEASE
TAKE YOUR
TIME AND
REST.

I'M GOING TO
MAKE YOU
SOME RICE
PORRIDGE.

EVERY-
THING IS
AFTER-
MEAL...

LET'S
SEE...

THE BAG YOU
BROUGHT HOME
EARLIER, WAS IT
FROM THE HOSPI-
TAL!?

FORGIVE ME
FOR OPENING IT!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

if you don't
come back,
it... trouble...

pitter

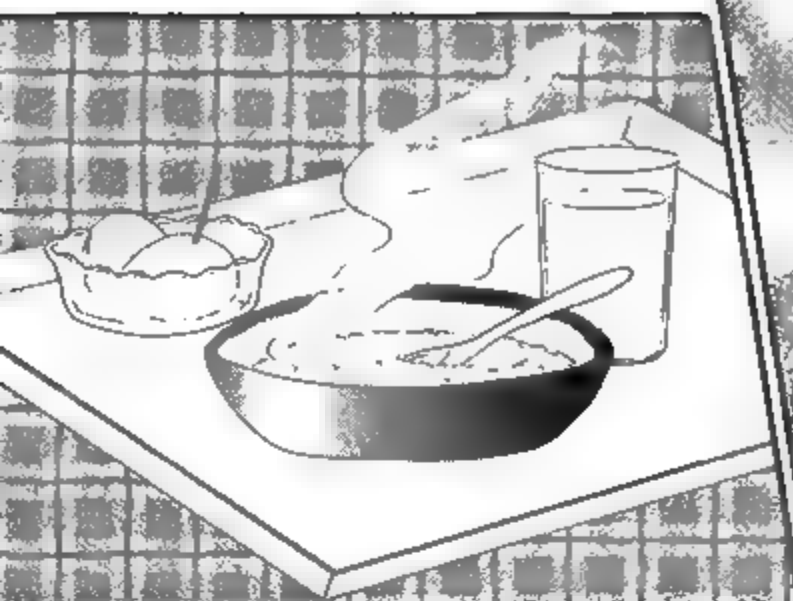
patter

I never knew
that having
someone
beside you...

during
times like
this

clank

clank



could make
you that
relieved...



MATSUNAGA-SAN

CAN YOU
GET UP
FOR A BIT?
YOU
SHOULD AT
LEAST EAT
SOME-
THING...



should I add some
more water to make
it easier to eat?



AH...
YOU'RE
RIGHT

EH...?

shaking



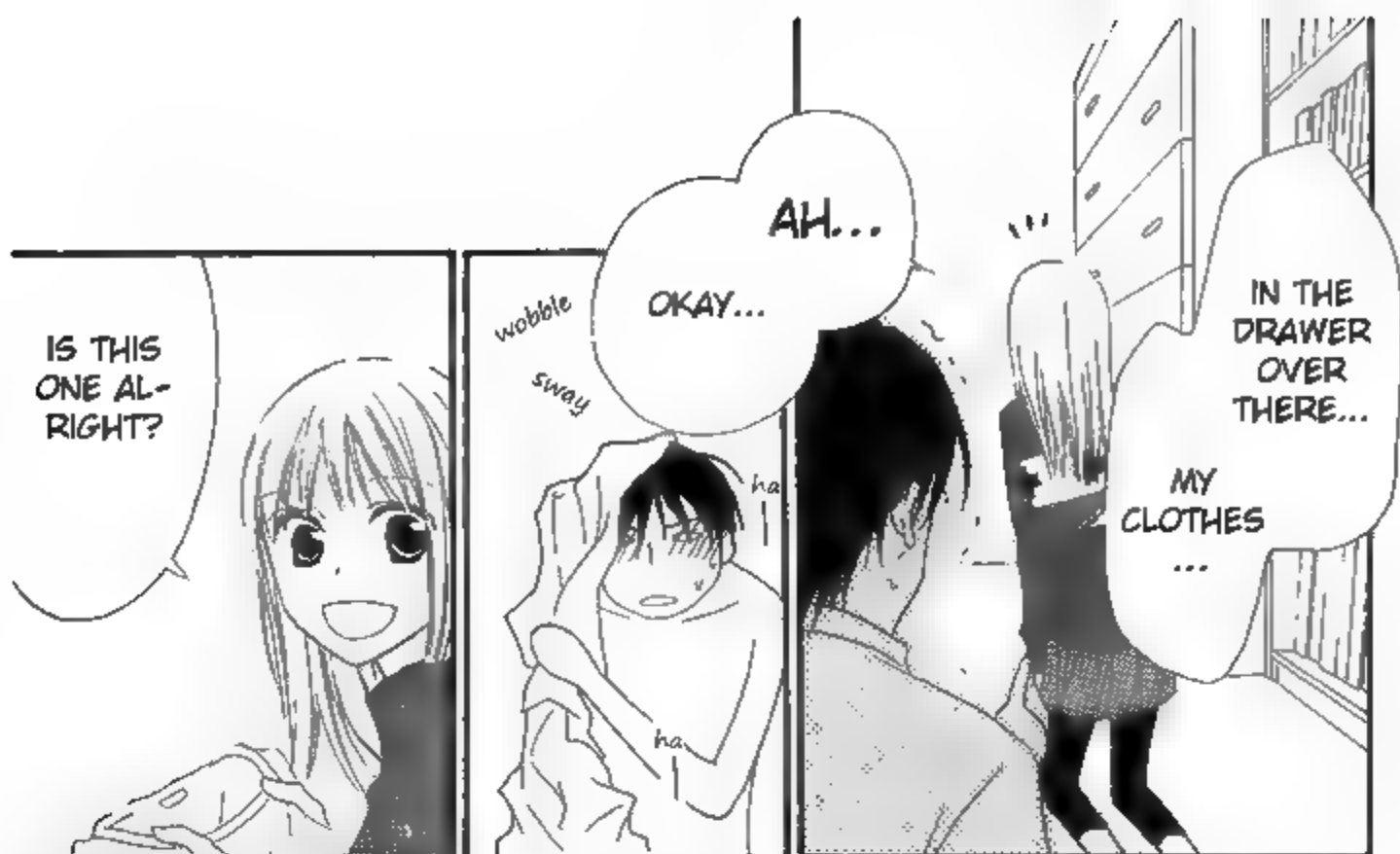
AH!

I FORGOT
ABOUT YOUR
SUIT — ...

I'M SORRY ABOUT
THIS, BUT
SHOULDN'T WE
CHANGE YOUR
CLOTHES!?

you're sweating

crawling up





but...

he's
not

even though I
have done this
kind of thing
every now and
then in the
facility...

w...
why is my
heart
racing so
fast...?



YE-
YES!

MY
BAD...

I CAN PUT
THEM ON BY
MYSELF...

thank you

a
child...

I WILL
EAT...
LATER...

gives
up

THANK
...
YOU...



TREMBLE

TREMBLE

UFG...

clank

clank



CAN YOU
EAT
OKAYU?

UHM...

hah

hah

hah

EH...?
DID YOU
COOK

UHM...





to say something
like "you are a man"

so...

now isn't
the time

absolutely...!!

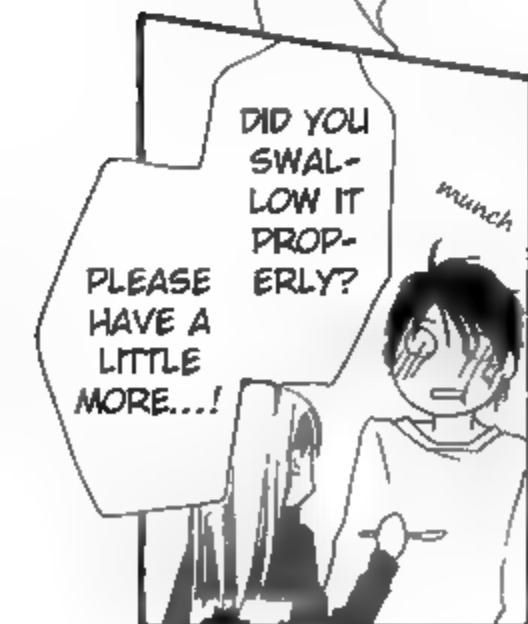


MATSU-
NAGA-
SAN...!!



EH?

PLEASE
OPEN
YOUR
MOUTH



DID YOU
SWAL-
LOW IT
PROP-
ERLY?

munch

PLEASE
HAVE A
LITTLE
MORE...!



GAH!

alright!

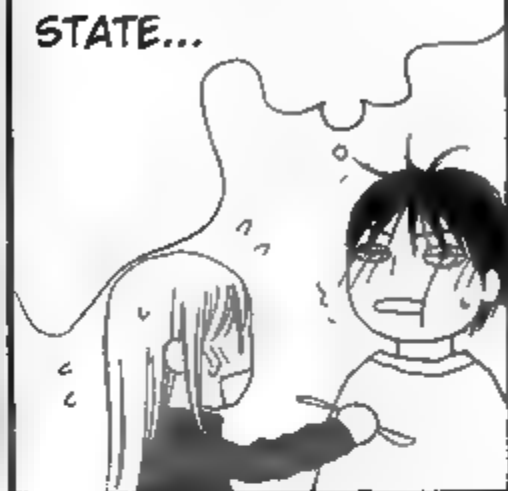
Nakamura is
originally a
babysitter

anything else on top
of that, I must not
trouble her

I must...

not keep it like this.

DE...
DELICIOUS,
BUT...
IN THIS
STATE...



that's right,
I need to
get some
help...

NAKAMURA-
SAN, I'M
REALLY SORRY
BUT...

thank you

HERE IS
THE
MEDI-
CINE.

PLEASE
TAKE IT
PROP-
ERLY.

CAN YOU
TAKE MY BAG
FROM MY
PHONE FOR
ME...

FREE
PER-
SON

hey, hey, I'm not that
free!! I have many plans
to go play

losing

AH...

JUST
BEFORE
THE
FILE...

strength

THIS
BAG?







ah...

hah...

I'M
SOR...

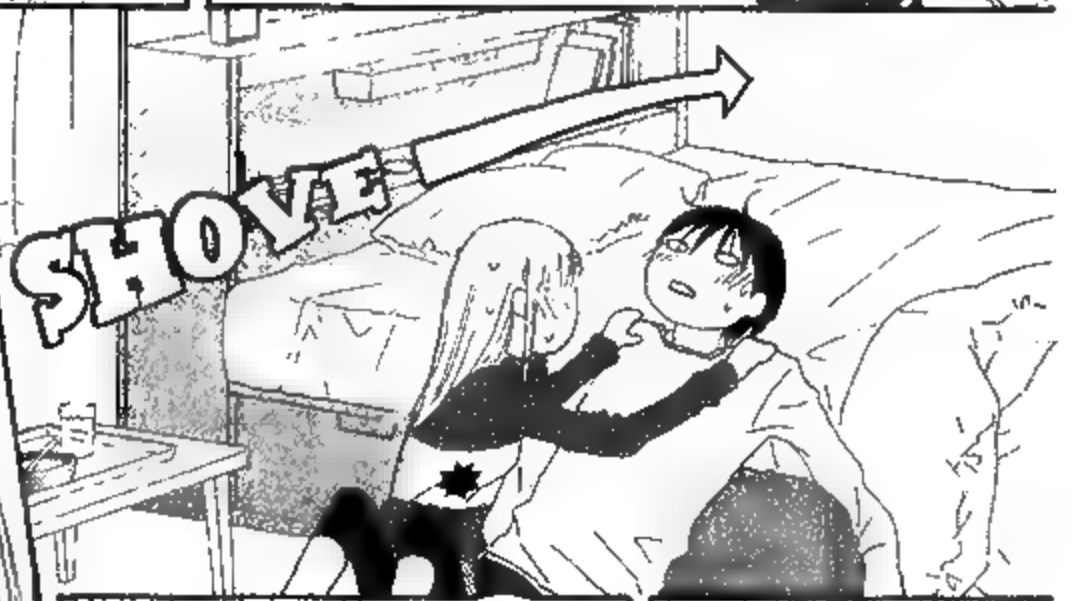
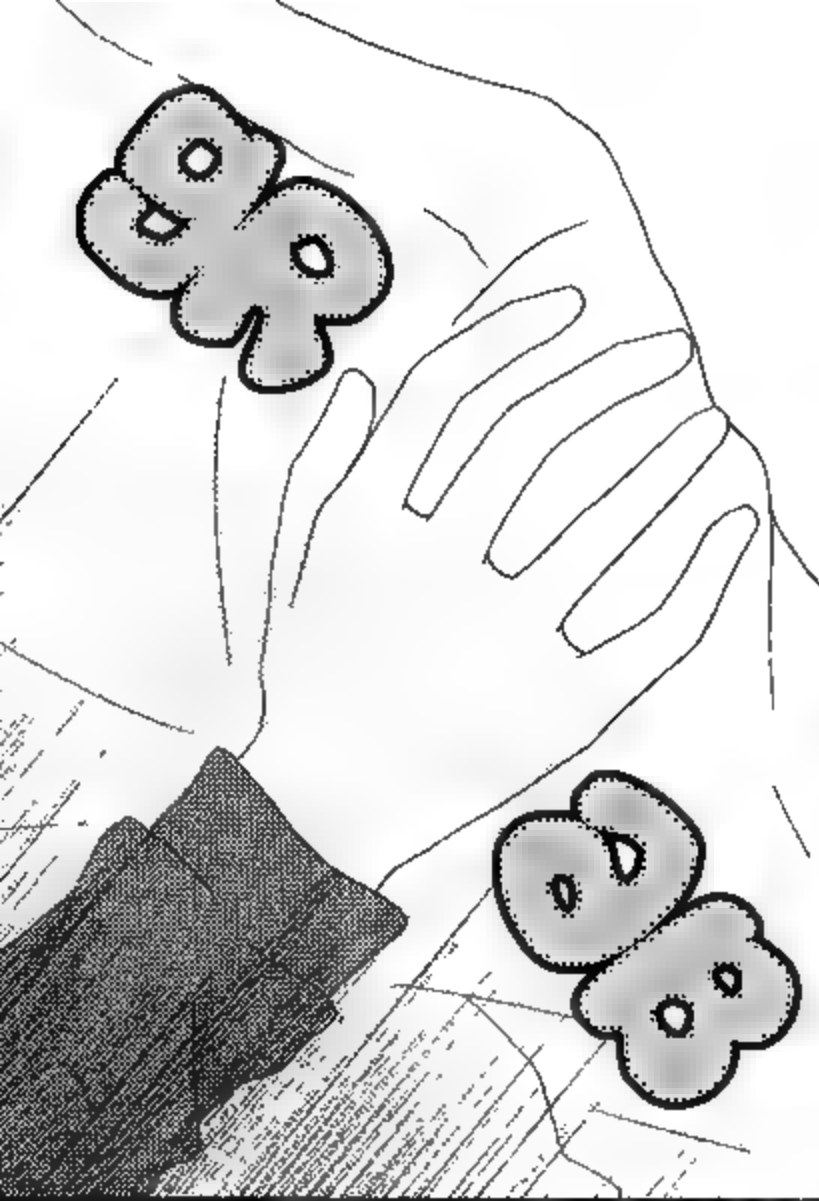
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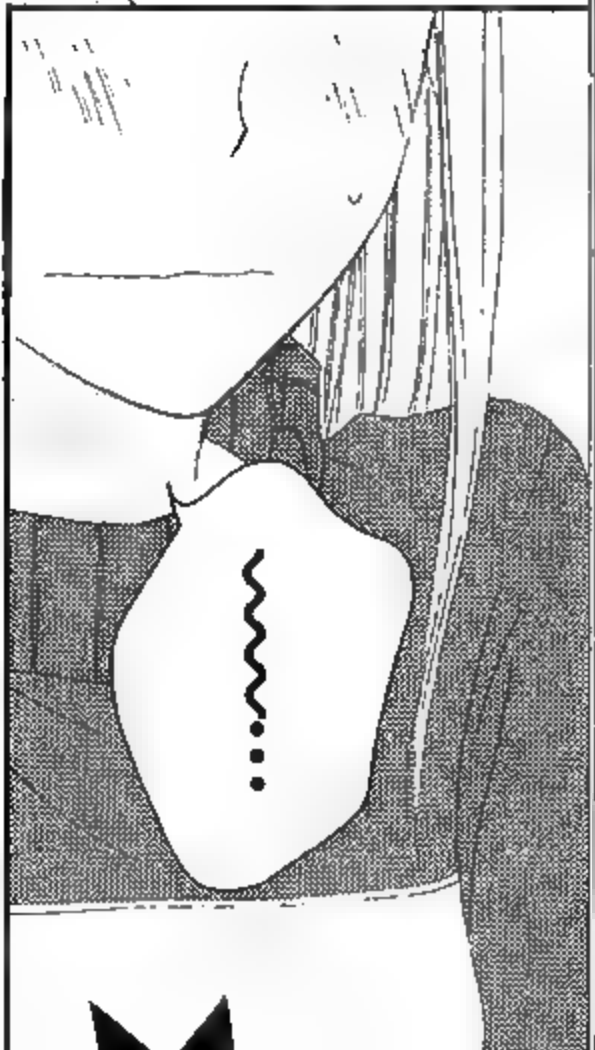
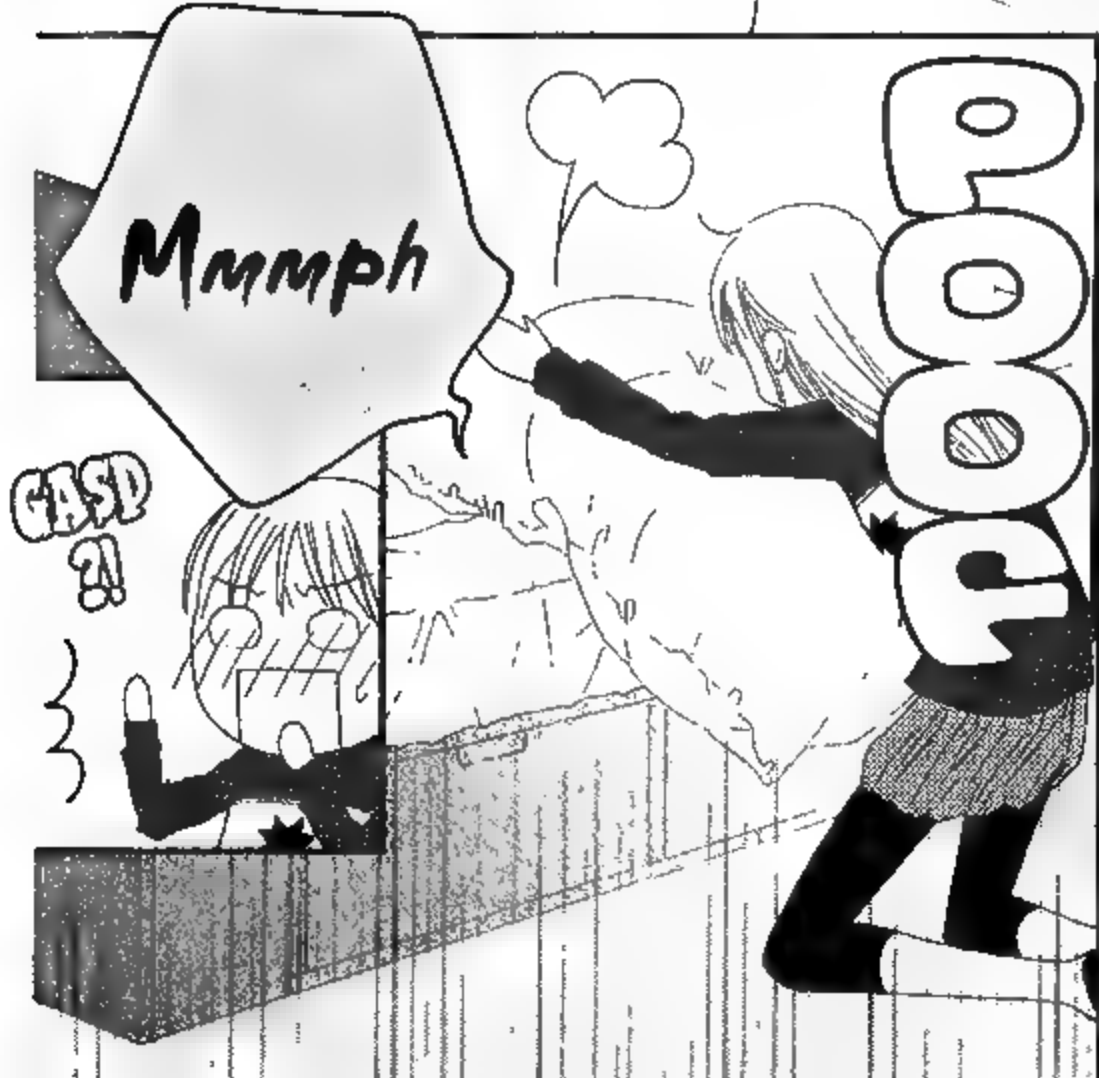
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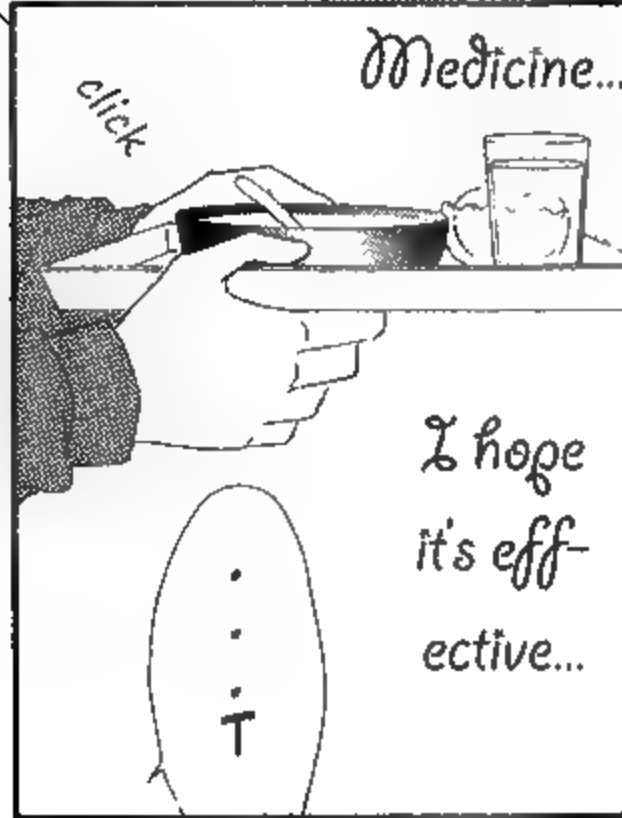
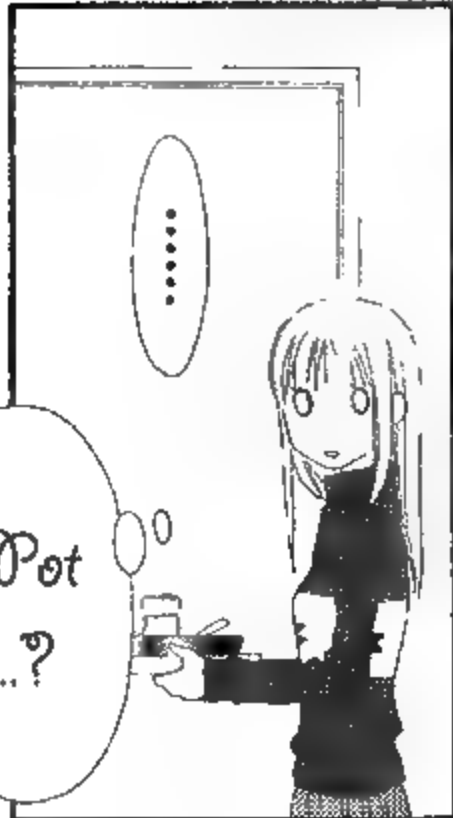
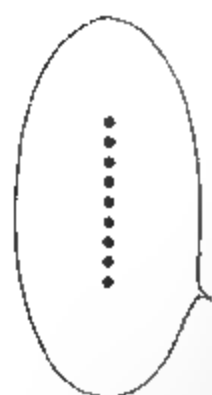


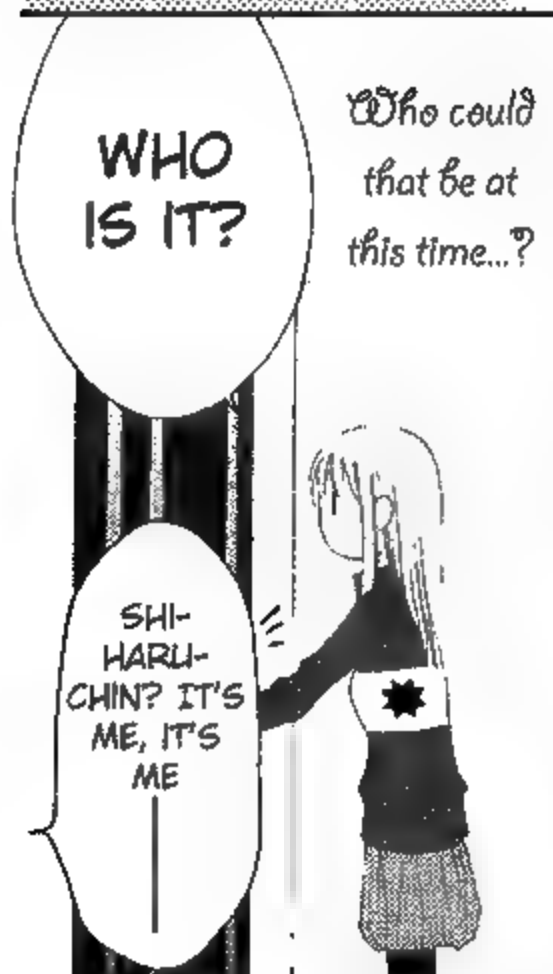
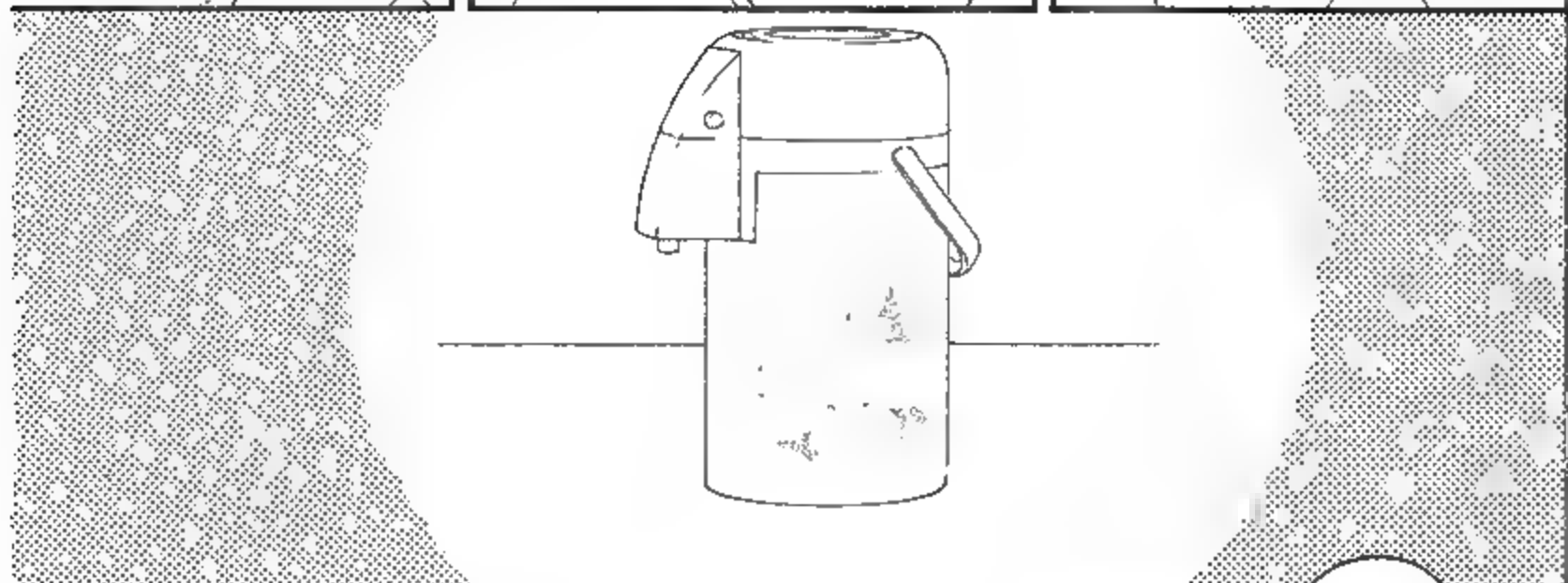
Chapter 18













TO SEND
SHIHARU-
CHIN HOME
AND LOOK
AFTER THE
TWINS.

I GOT
A CALL
FROM
SEI-
CHAN

TAK-
ERU-
KUN
...!!

EH
?!

BUT
THOSE TWO
ARE ALREADY
ASLEEP

And why did you bring
Mana-chan here...?

thud
thud
thud

snore

grunt

Let's
play!





IS
MATSU-
NAGA
HOME?

GOOD
EVENING



AHH, NO
WAY... DON'T
PRAISE ME,
I'LL FEEL
SHY



DON'T
COME
NEAR ME,
YOU
PERVERT
!!



I'm not
praising
you!!

EH? IT'S
TAKERU-
KUN! LONG
TIME NO
SEE



Wha...
Oikawa, why
are you
here...?







UM,
OIKAWA-
SAN, I'M
SORRY
BUT...

MATSUNAGA-
SAN IS RESTING
NOW BECAUSE
HE CAUGHT A
COLD TODAY

A
COLD
?



JUST
KIDDING,
JUST
KIDDING



I'M
JUST
JOKING.
IT WAS
A JOKE.

A VULNER-
ABLE MATSU-
NAGA. HOW
RARE
I'LL GO
MESS WITH
HIM.



PLE-
ASE
DON'T



EH? THAT'S
BECAUSE
I'M ON GOOD
TERMS WITH
MATSUNAGA



I KNOW
MATSUNAGA
BETTER THAN
YOU, HIS CHILD-
HOOD FRIEND,
DOES,
ANYWAY

OIKAWA
!

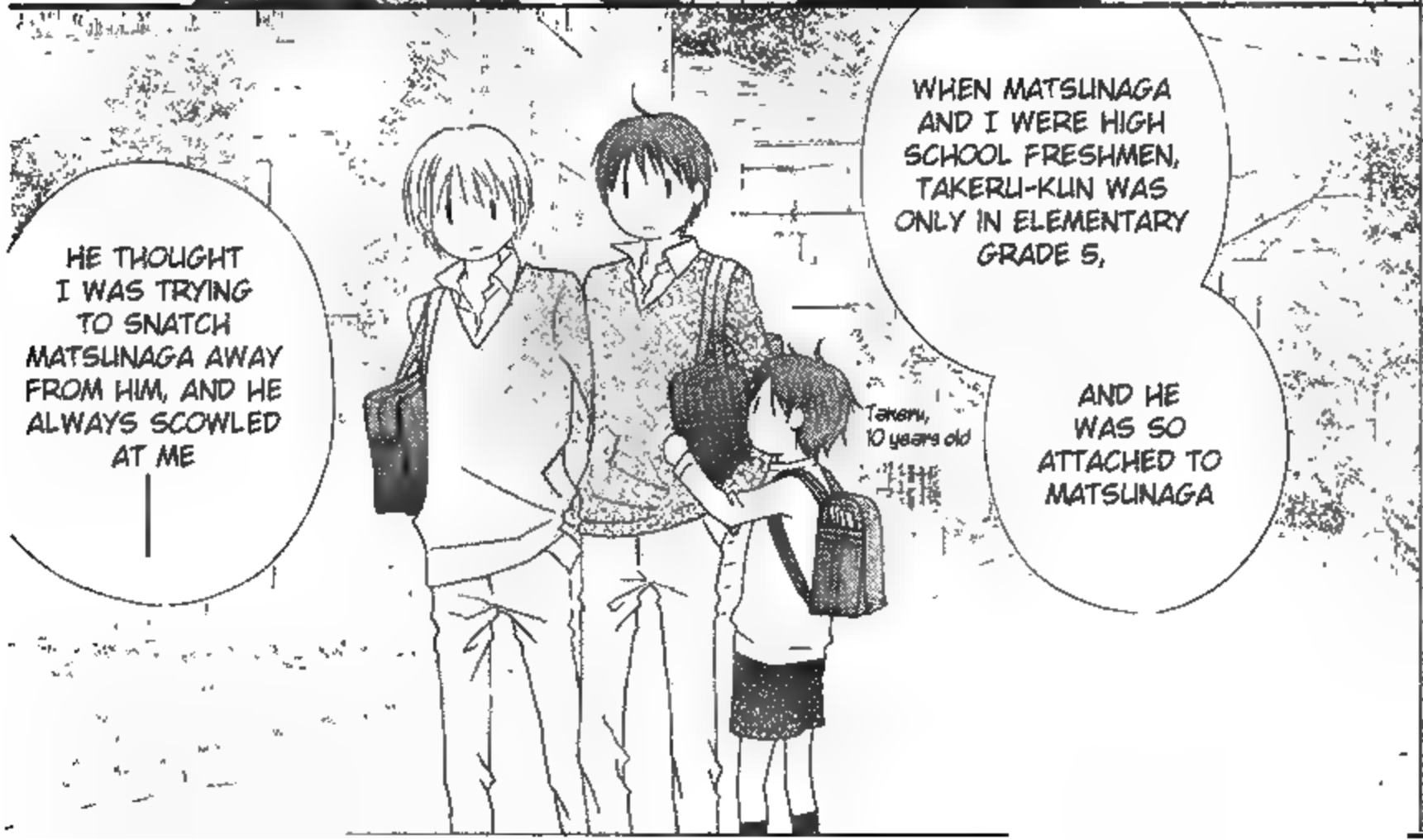
I NEVER
KNEW YOU
WERE STILL
FOLLOWING
SEI-CHAN
AROUND UP
TO THIS DAY!



YUP

OIKAWA-SAN
AND TAKERU-
KUN KNOW
EACH
OTHER?

AH
...



HE THOUGHT
I WAS TRYING
TO SNATCH
MATSUNAGA AWAY
FROM HIM, AND HE
ALWAYS SCOWLED
AT ME

WHEN MATSUNAGA
AND I WERE HIGH
SCHOOL FRESHMEN,
TAKERU-KUN WAS
ONLY IN ELEMENTARY
GRADE 5,

AND HE
WAS SO
ATTACHED TO
MATSUNAGA

Takeru,
10 years old

**I DON'T
REALLY
CARE
ABOUT
THAT!!**

HEY,
WHO'S
THAT
GUY?

THOSE
JEALOUSY-
FILLED EYES
WERE SO
CUTE...

I UN-
INTENTIONALLY
FLIRTED WITH
MATSUNAGA. IT
TOTALLY STIRRED
ME UP



DIS-
GUST-
ING.

THEN
WHAT?

I'M NOT
TALKING
ABOUT SUCH
ARBITRARY
THINGS!!

TRY NAMING
WHAT SEI-CHAN
LEARNED WHEN
HE WAS YOUNG!

WE...
WELL

**ABACUS
AND
JUDO**

WASN'T IT
BECAUSE HE
DIDN'T WANT HIS
BROTHER, WHO
STARTED LEARNING
FIRST, TO TRY HIS
TECHNIQUES ON
HIM?

COULD
YOU TWO
QUIET
DOWN A
LITTLE?

LIM
...

EH? WELL,
QUITE A LOT...
FOR EXAMPLE,
HE LIKES SOBA
MORE THAN
UDON

Even
though
you met
him after
me

**DON'T BE
SO CON-
CEITED! WHAT
DO YOU KNOW
ABOUT SEI-
CHAN!?**

**THEN
DO YOU
KNOW THE
REASON
WHY HE
STARTED
LEARNING
JUDO!?**

**1st Round
Matsunaga Seiji
Trivia Showdown**

I feel
very
insecure

about
leaving
these two
here...!

...

...

...

YAP
YAP
YAP

++

2nd
Floor

No.

YAP
YAP
YAP

See, you don't
know anything!!

WRONG!!

IT
WAS
POT
!!

AH
I
WHAT
WAS
IT
AGAIN?

CLIP
?

THEN WHAT
WAS THE
NAME OF THE
HAMSTER HE
SECRETLY
KEPT AT
HOME DURING
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL!?

POT
...

...

SEI-CHAN
WAS ALSO
IN BED WITH
THE FLU

Cute
...

POT

The pet Matsunaga
received from a friend

THAT'S
RIGHT

THAT'S
BECAUSE THE
SPOT ON IT'S
BODY WAS IN
THE SHAPE
OF A POT.

EH

BUT IF
I REM-
EMBER
CORR-
ECTLY,

WHEN POT'S
CONDITION
WORSENERD
BECAUS
OF IT'S
OLD AGE,

AND IT
DIED BECAUSE
HE COULDN'T
TAKE CARE
OF IT...

A
H

SEI-CHAN'S
PARENTS WERE
SELDOM AT HOME
WHEN HE WAS
YOUNG

SO HE
COULDN'T
BRING IT
TO THE
VET...





**PAIN
PAIN?**

I KNOW HIS
HEAD IS
HURTING...

THAT'S
RIGHT.

KOLD?

TODAY

MATSUNAGA-
SAN CAUGHT A
COLD, SO
LET'S KEEP
OUR VOLUMES
DOWN

YEP!

dash

**SEI-
TA-
AAA
N!**

AH!

BUT
RIGHT
NOW
HE'S...

stop the pain!

oh no!

MATSUNA-
GA-SAN IS
TRYING HIS
BEST!

IT'S AL-
RIGHT!

HE'LL GET
BETTER IF WE
KEEP QUIET
AND LET HIM
SLEEP.

**PAIN
WILL
SHTOP?**



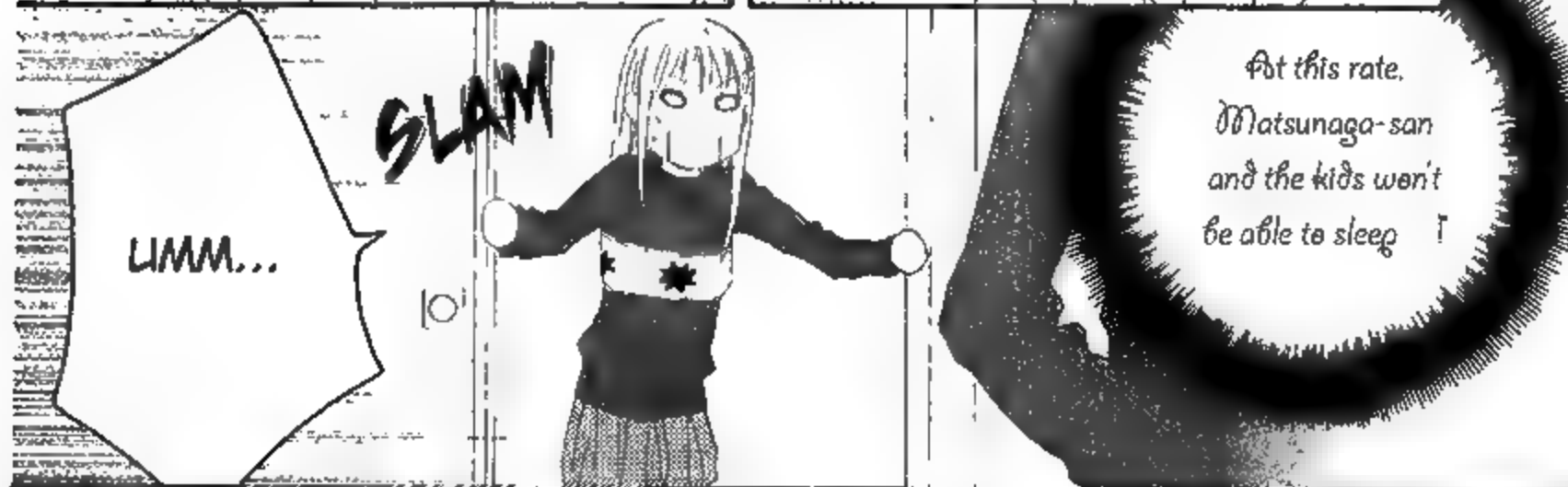
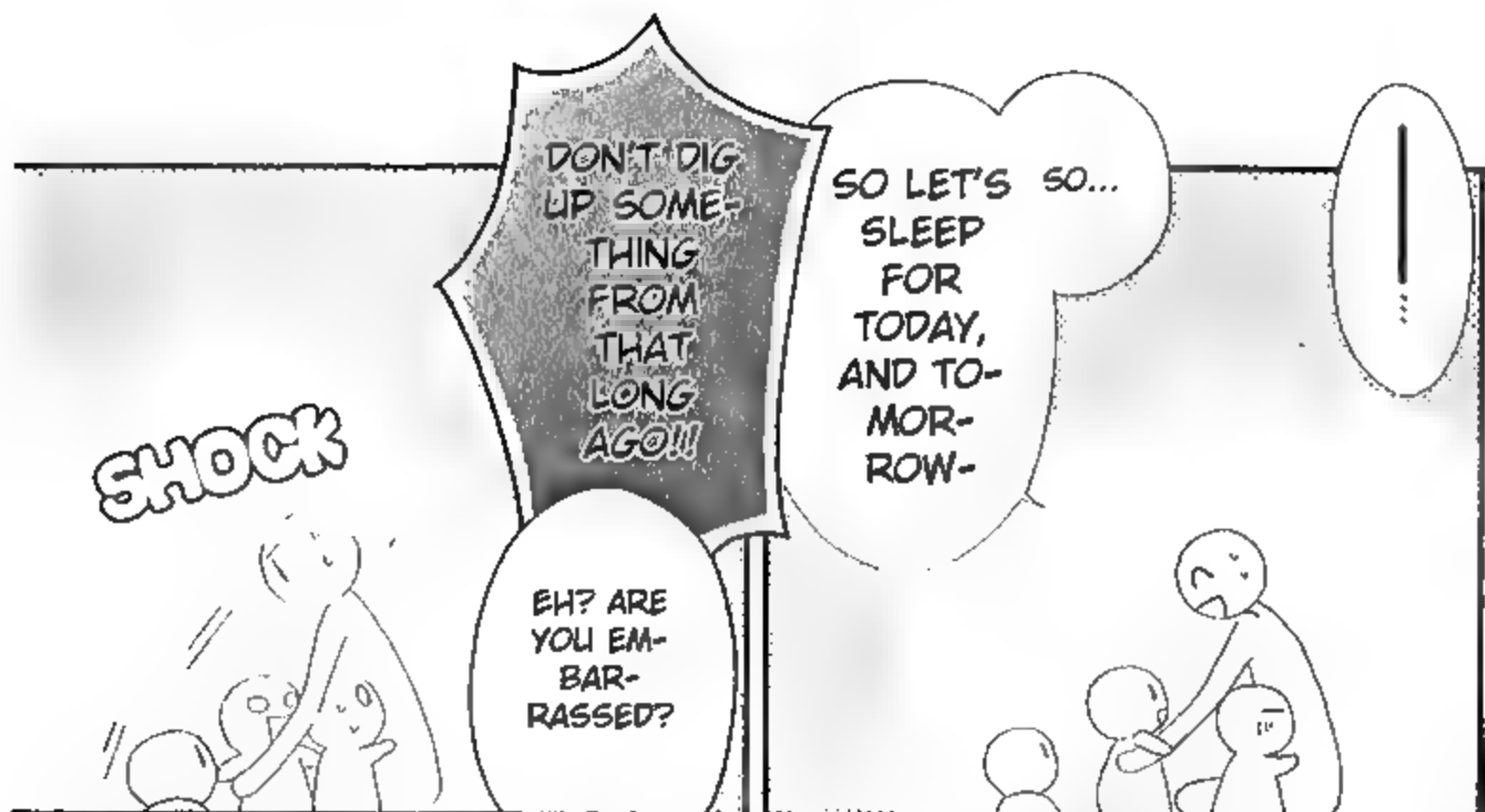
SHOCK

YOU JUST
HURRY UP AND
GO BACK!!

WHY? I
WANNA
PLAY
SOME
MORE!

YEAH!





②

It's also partly because of my lack of time-management I worked non-stop at home and felt like I was going to fall ill. It's really bad for my body, so I booked a movie in advance and told myself 'I'll definitely go watch it!!'. But even so I couldn't go in the end and ended up falling ill



The production of the first drama CD was completed a few days ago! It will finally be released on 2010/3/25. When I went to the live dubbing session, I was so touched that I became fully-awake even after a sleep-less night

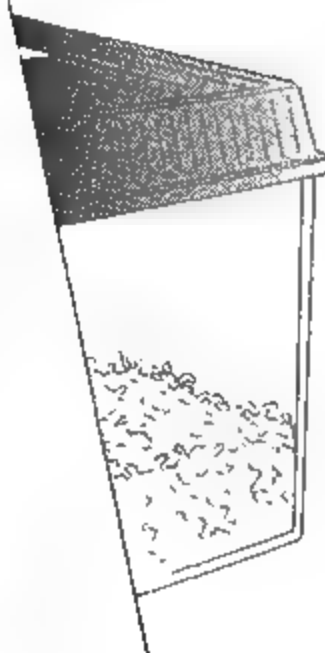


AAAAAAAAAAAAHHH
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?
G?

"HAVE YOU
CAUGHT A COLD?"

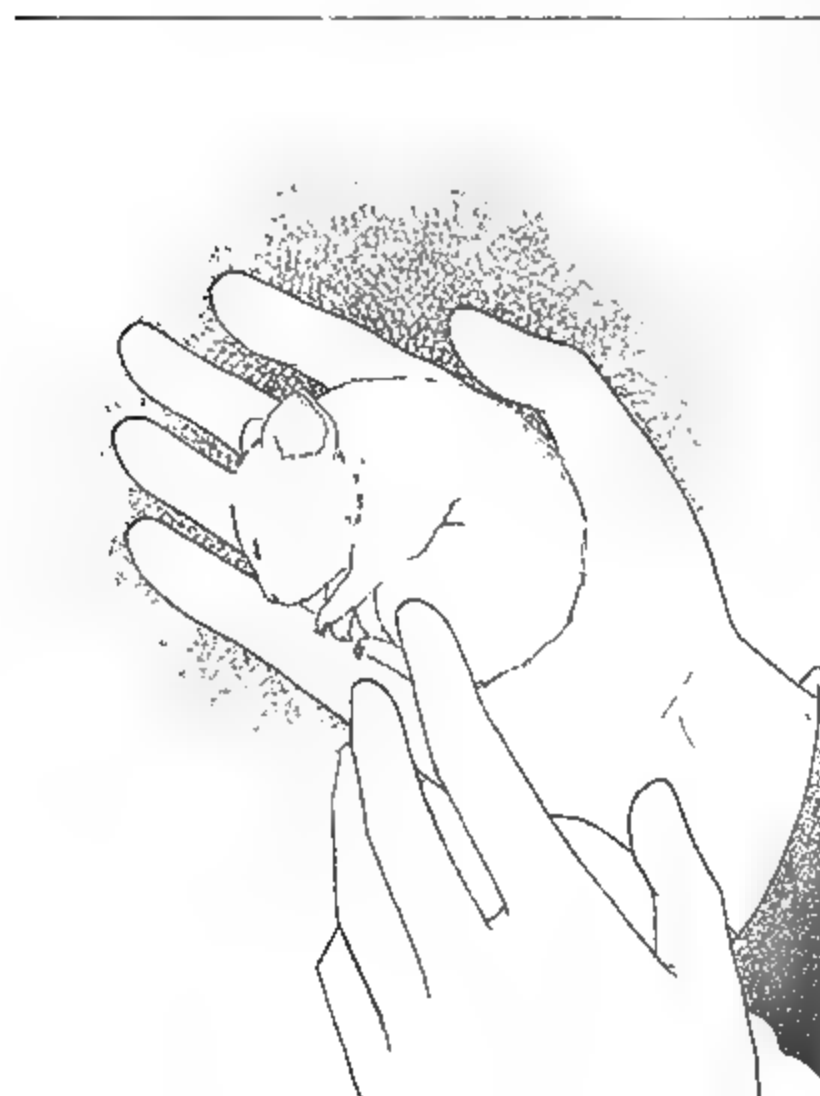
Pot...
Doesn't seem as ener-
getic lately...

I wonder what's
wrong?

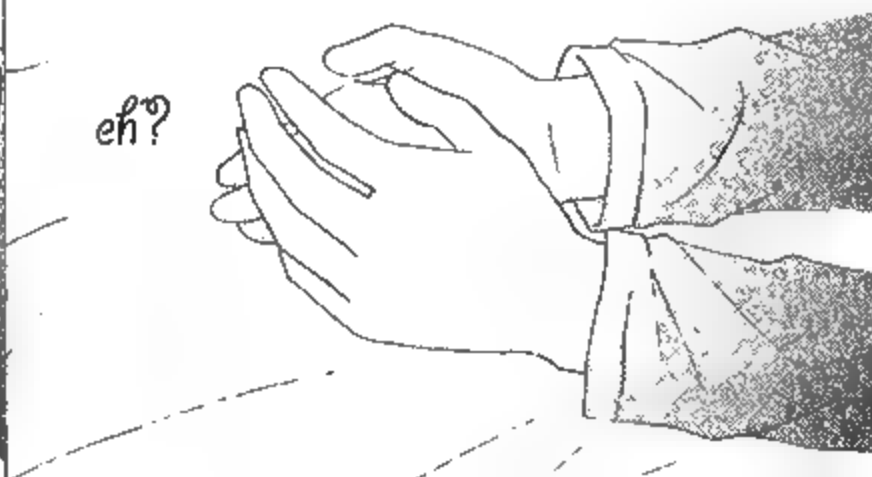


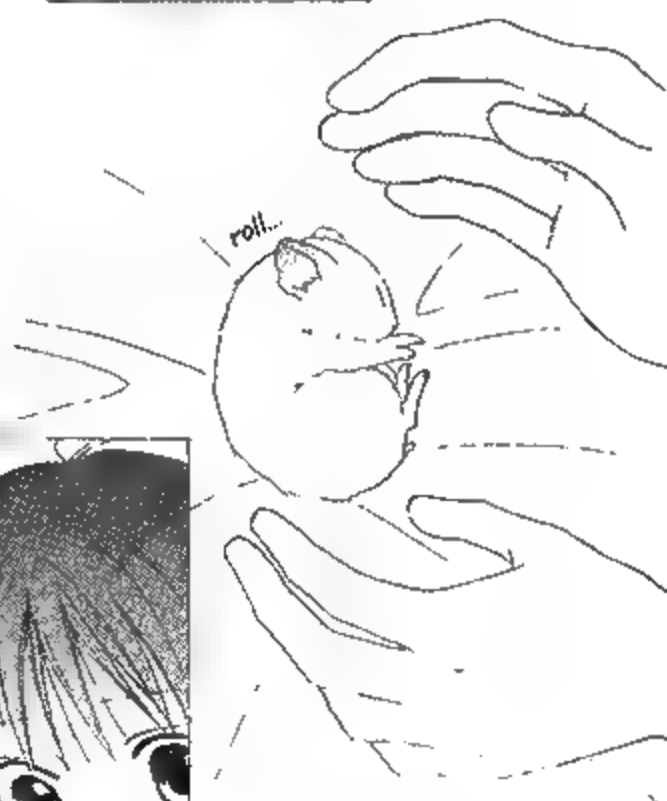
"LET'S SLEEP
TOGETHER TODAY..."

"THE FUTON IS
WARM..."



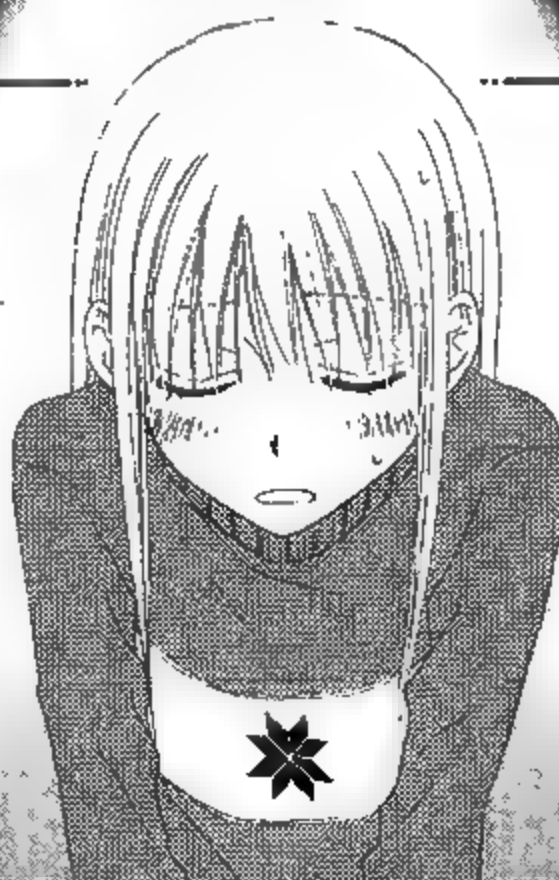
eh?



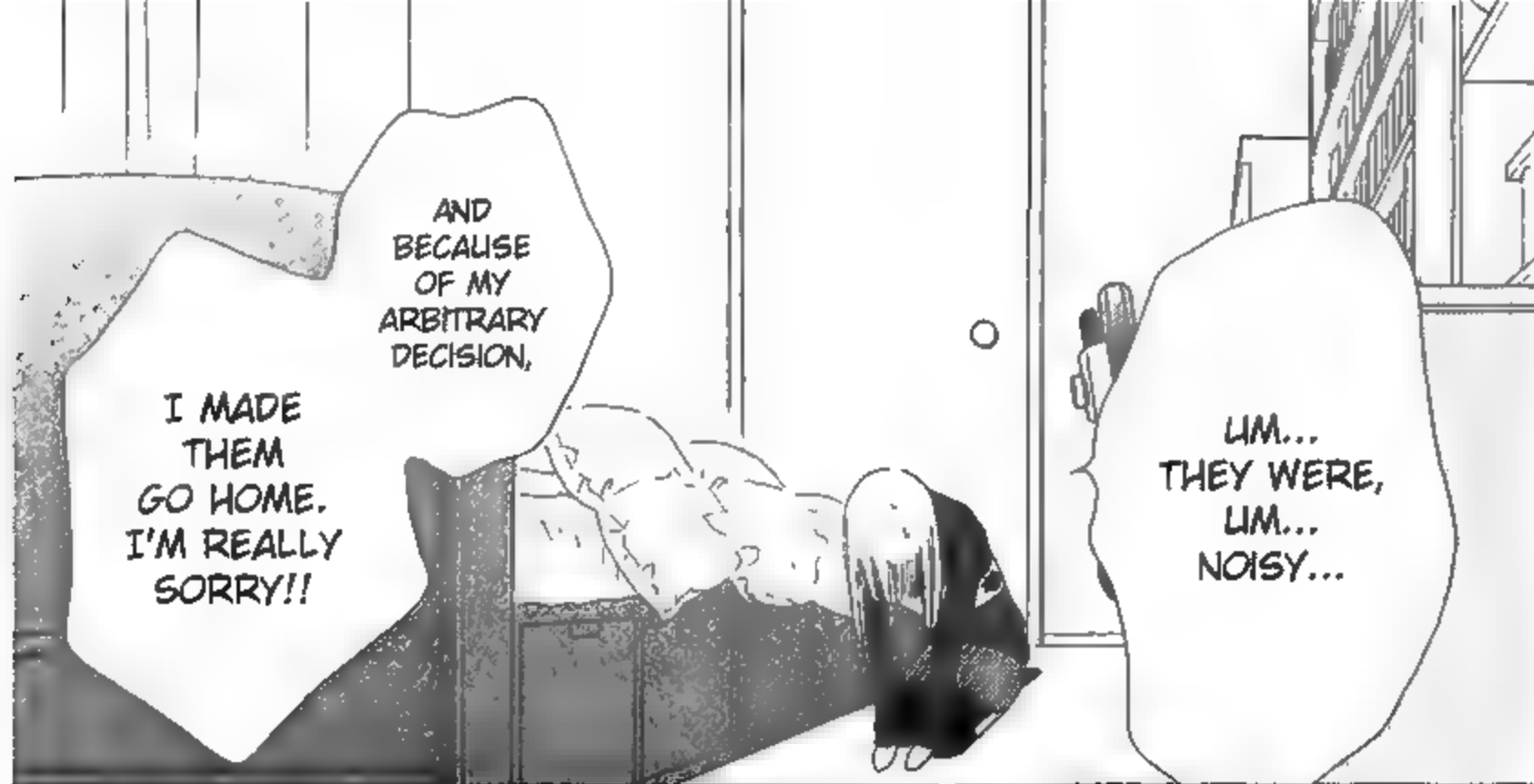


AND LATER ON
SO WAS
OIKAWA-SAN,
BUT...

TAKE-
RU-KUN
WAS
HERE



I'M SORRY,
MATSLINA-
GA-SAN





I guess it's
time for me
to go, too...

And
the twins
are asleep.



Sei-chan's parents
were seldom at home
when he was young





IT'S ALRIGHT,
SHIHARU.

YOU DRANK
THE MEDICINE,
ANYWAY.

YOU'LL FEEL
BETTER IF YOU
KEEP YOURSELF
WARM.

When
you
feel
lonely

be-
cause
of a
cold.



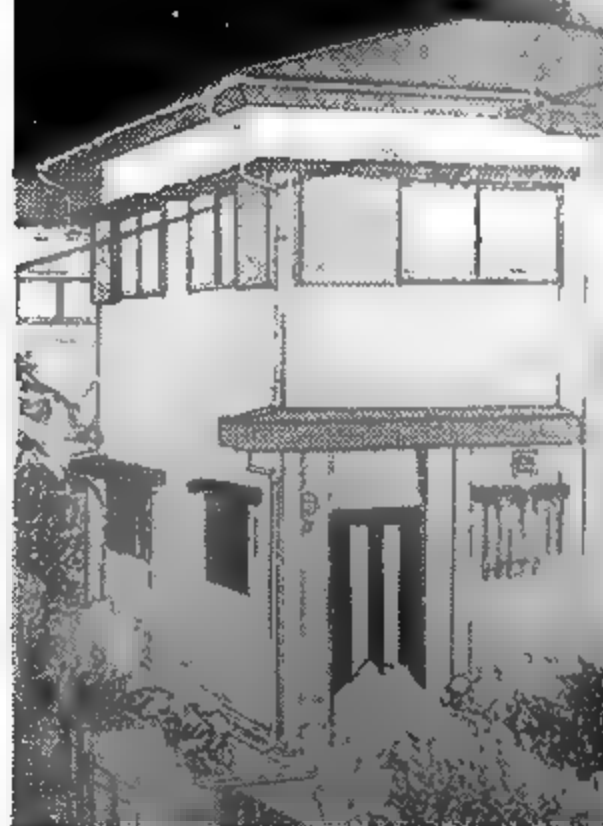
and was
there to
spoil you.

if some-
one was
there more
frequently
than usual,
you
would
feel
happy

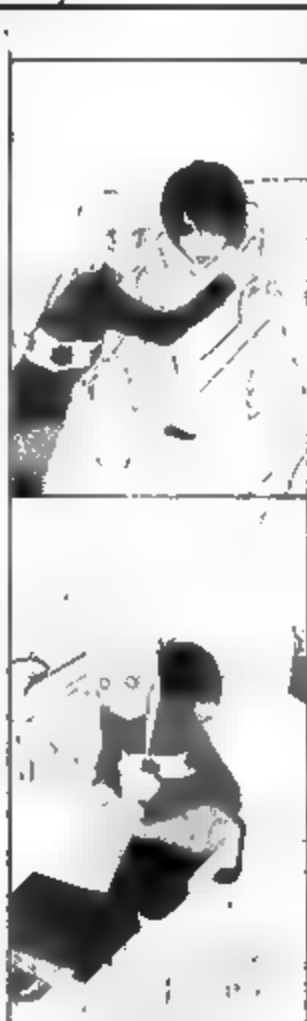
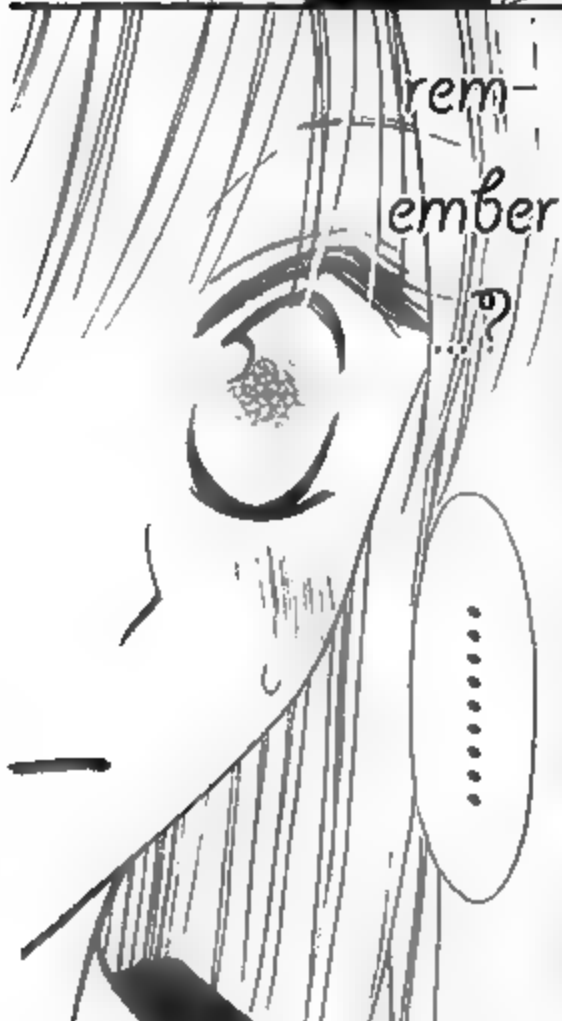
"It's not so bad
to catch a cold"

...

Occasion-
ally,
I
would
feel
that









Wh...

Why some-
thing from
that long ago
?



ST-ED



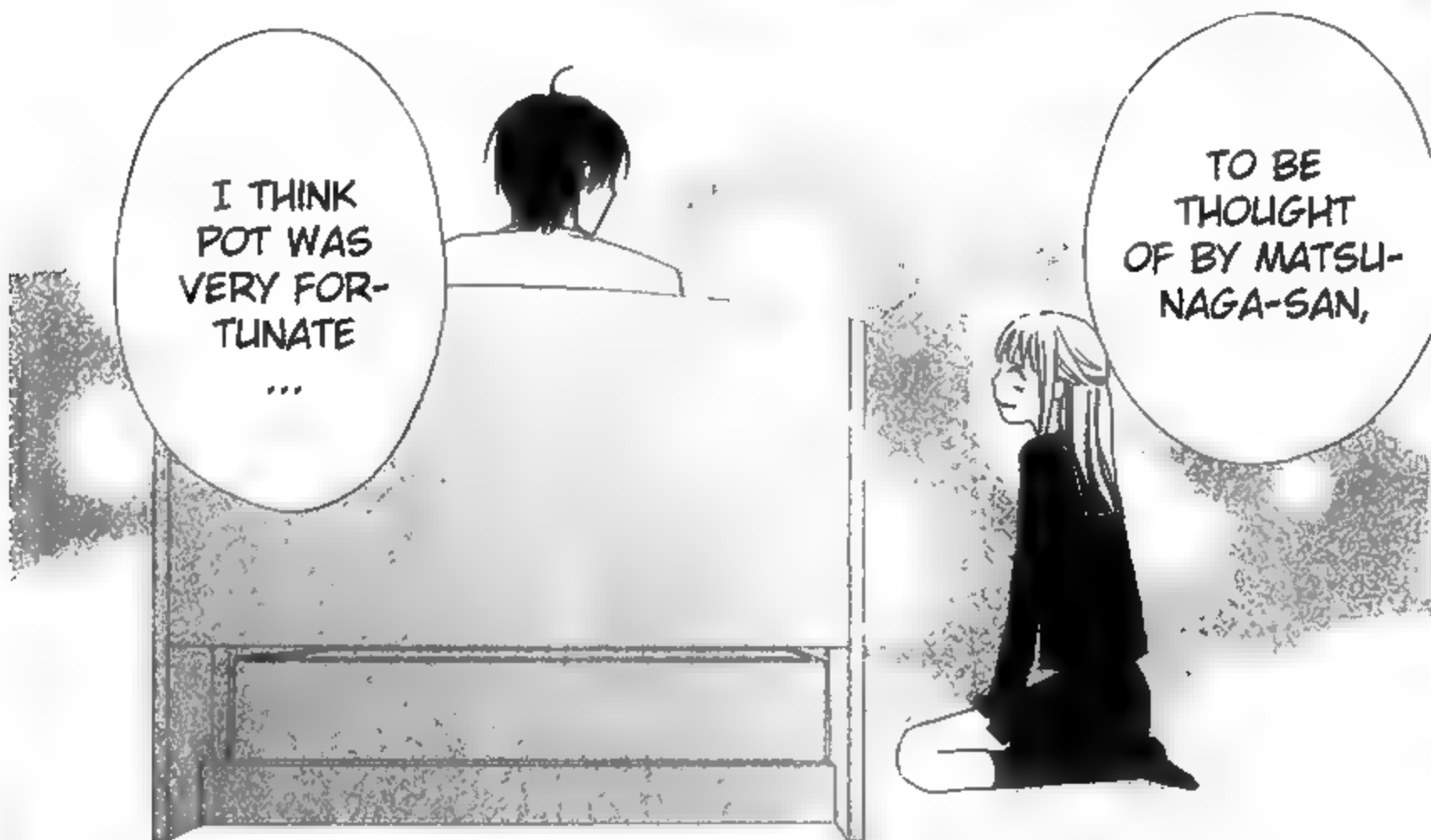
...
YOU
KEPT

CALL-
ING
POT.

UM
...

I'M
SORRY

I HEARD
A LITTLE
BIT OF IT
FROM TAKERU
KUN...



I THINK
POT WAS
VERY FOR-
TUNATE
...

TO BE
THOUGHT
OF BY MATSU-
NAGA-SAN,



Bu...But the
fact that only
I remember
what happened
yesterday

What
should
I do...!?



LOVE SO LIFE

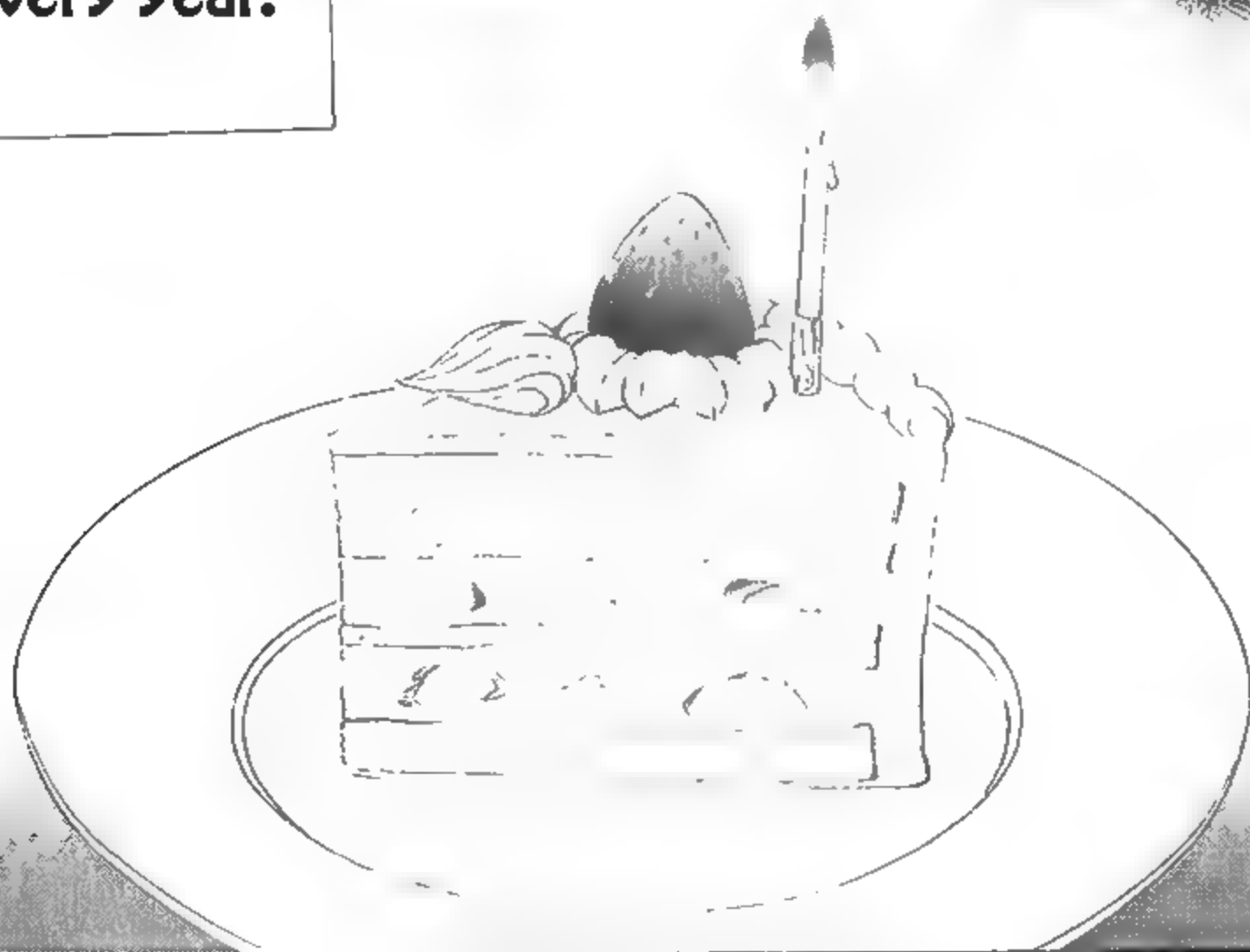
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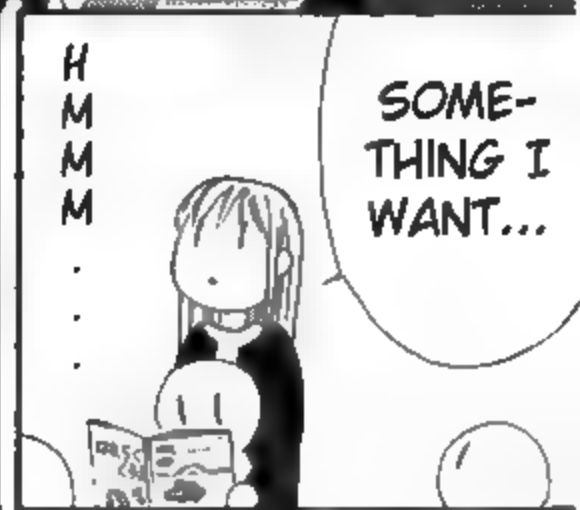


At the
institution
I'm living
in,

and it is
celebrated
just like a
birthday
every year.

the day when
we first enter
is known as
our "second
birthday",







That's
not some-
thing you
want,

but
something
you need
...

**A
WASH
BASIN
...
!**

THERE ARE
CRACKS IN THE
WASH BASIN
IN THE BATHROOM.
I TRIED TO PATCH
IT UP WITH GLUE,
BUT I GUESS
IT'S AT IT'S
LIMIT...

I always
thought it
was something
worth celebrating,
but



Thank
you!

It's a rare
opportunity,
so I'll find a
cute one for
you

"Second
birthday"

now that
I think
about it

the time I
have left at
the institution

It's
already this
time of the
year, huh
—
?



EH
!?

SO YOU
GET TO
CELE-
BRATE
TWICE A
YEAR?

Cooking Practice
Room

is only
2 years

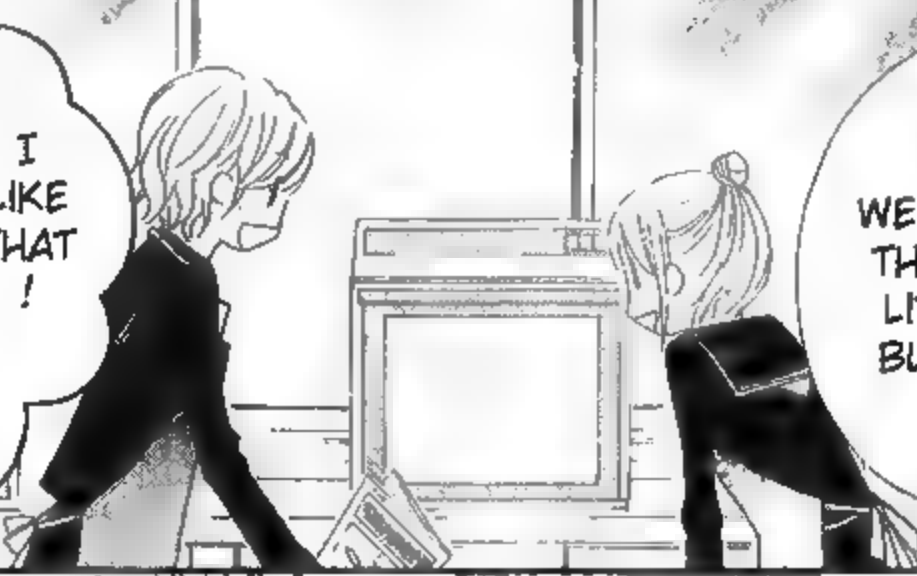


IT'S
ALSO FUN
TO HAVE
MORE
EVENTS!

I
LIKE
THAT
!

YEAH

WE DECORATE
THE ROOM A
LITTLE, AND
BUY A CAKE
...



AH!

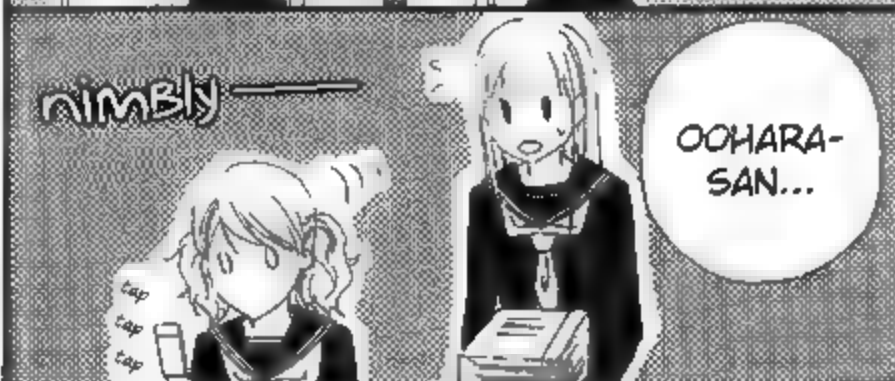
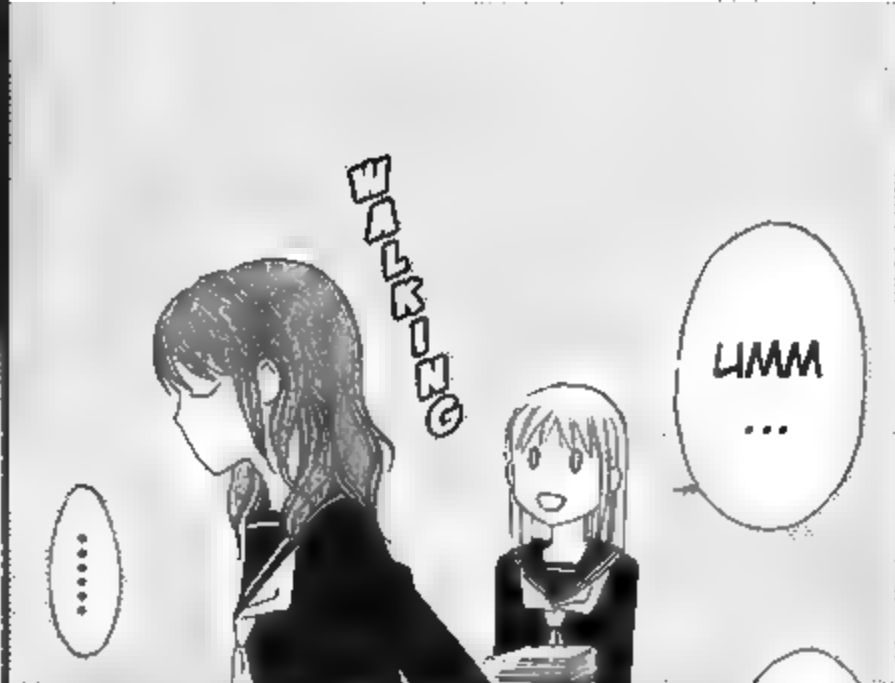
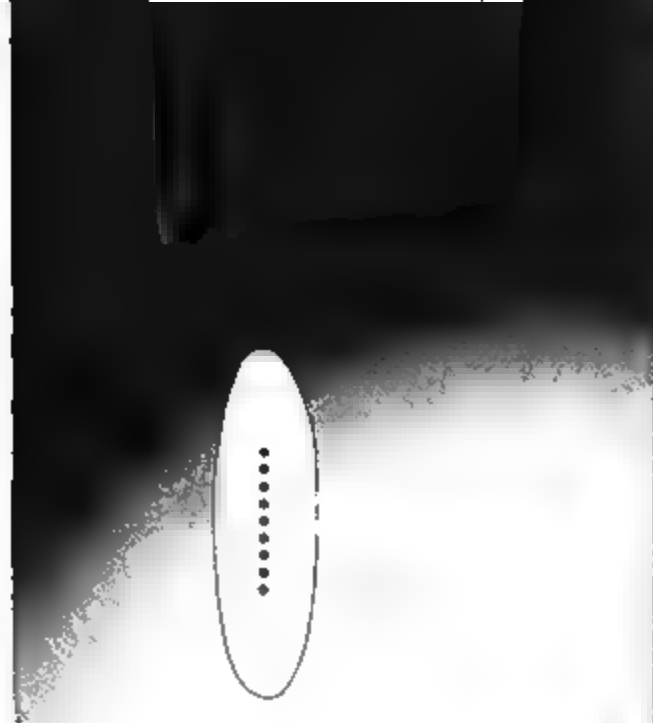
IT'S
DONE!



Ahhh
I should get a
present for her.
too
|
♥







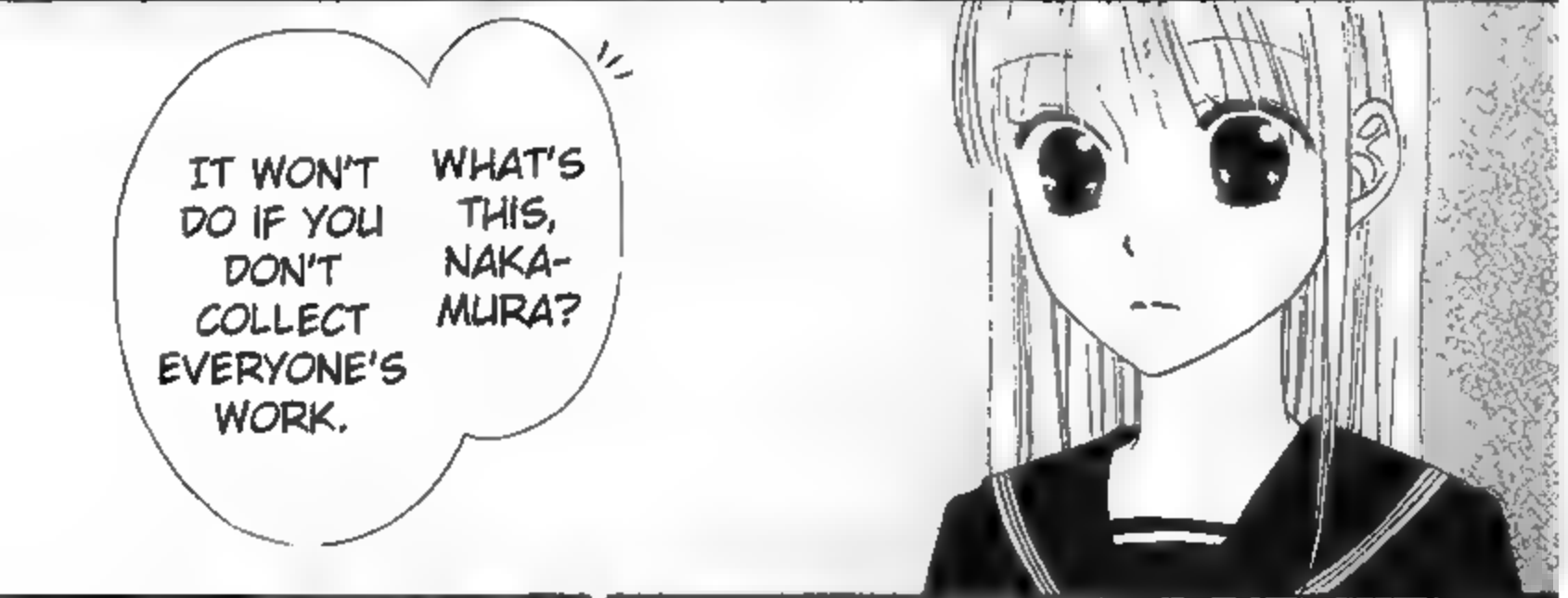


YEAH,
THAT'S
RIGHT

I forgot about
handing in the
homework

YOU
SHOULDN'T
LEAVE
ANYONE
OUT!

AH,
NAKA-
MURA-SAN,
YOU'RE
MEAN.



IT WON'T
DO IF YOU
DON'T
COLLECT
EVERYONE'S
WORK.

WHAT'S
THIS,
NAKA-
MURA?



A WOMAN'S
JEALOUSY,
HUH...

E
∞
zh
?

HEY...
DON'T YOU
REMEMBER
...?

THE OTHER
DAY IN THE
COOKING
PRACTICE
ROOM

JEALOUSY

!?

KAWASE-
KUN SAID
THAT OUR
GROUP'S
(MAINLY
SHIHARU'S)
MUFFINS
WERE
DELICIOUS,

BUT IT
SEEMS
LIKE HE
ALSO
LAUGHED
AT TAGAMI-
SAN'S
MUFFINS.

EVEN SO,
IT'S WRONG
TO TAKE OUT
HER ANGER
ON YOU...

WOULDN'T
TAGAMI-
SAN...

FEEL
IRRITATED
IF SOMEONE
SHE LIKED
PRAISED
SHIHARU?



I THINK
IT'S JUST
TEMP-
ORARY

YEAH
...

THANK
YOU
...

But

contrary
to what
Rio said

trip

B

WAZN

!?



!?

!!



giggle
giggle

Tagami-san's pranks continued

!



This feels like
something that
would happen in
a drama

W
a
a
a



Fermented
beans placed
inside

This is
horrible

G
y
a
a
a



My
clothes
for Phys Ed
are

Raw eggs
placed
inside

A
h
h



it's almost the
weekend and
yet

gh

ARRR

Ehh



After their bath

?





?

Yes
!?

NAKA-
MURA-
SAN,
UMMM

ABOUT
NEXT
SUNDAY
...

SHOCKE

Sunday
...

I
UNDER-
STAND
!

I WON'T
GET HOME
UNTIL THE
MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT,

SO I'M
THINKING OF
LEAVING THEM
AT THE CHILD
CARE CENTRE
...



So this is how I'll
receive my second
birthday...





be worried
about placing
his precious
family

If he finds out
that something
happened at
school...

in my
care...

he'll defi-
nitely

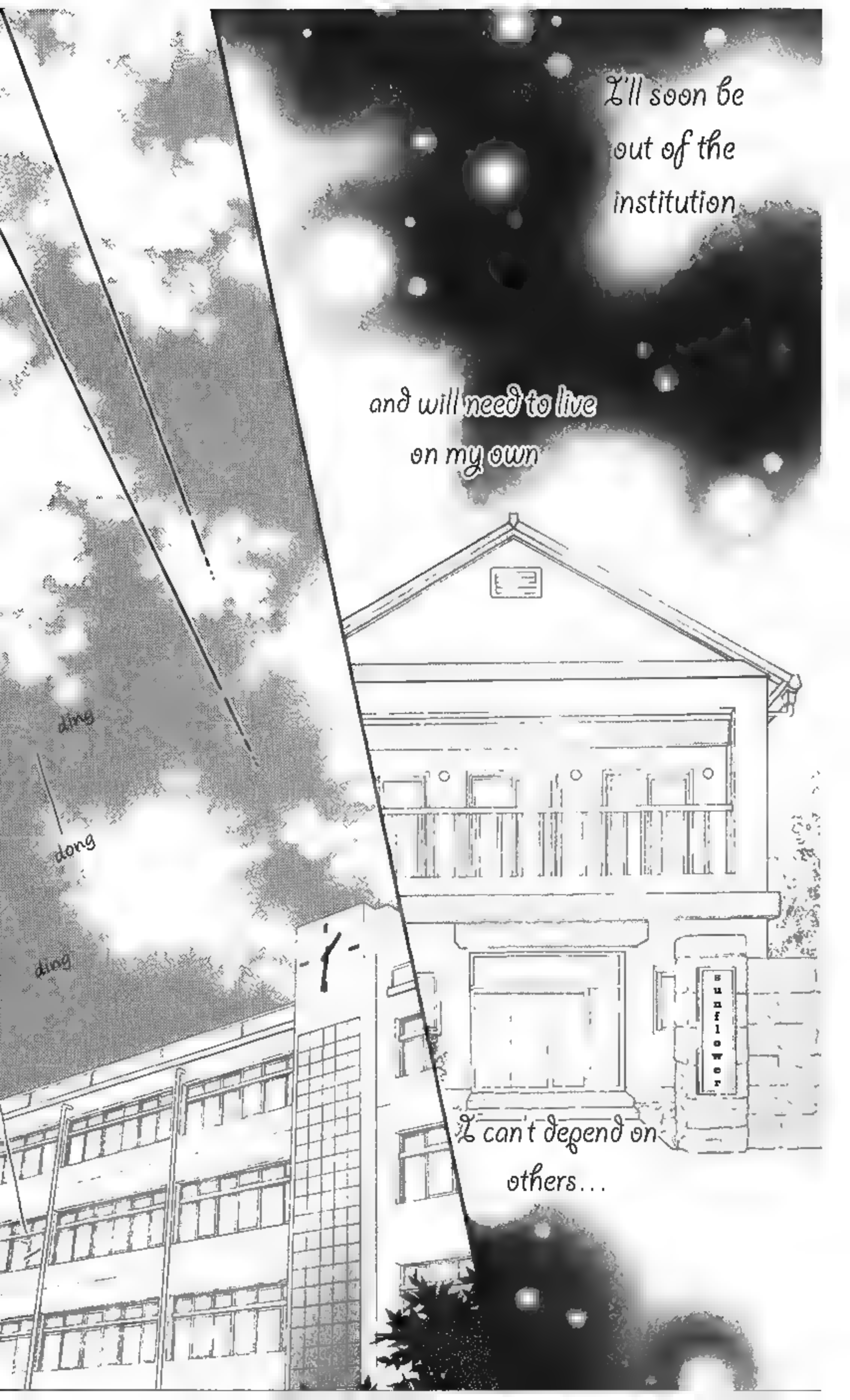
THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG.

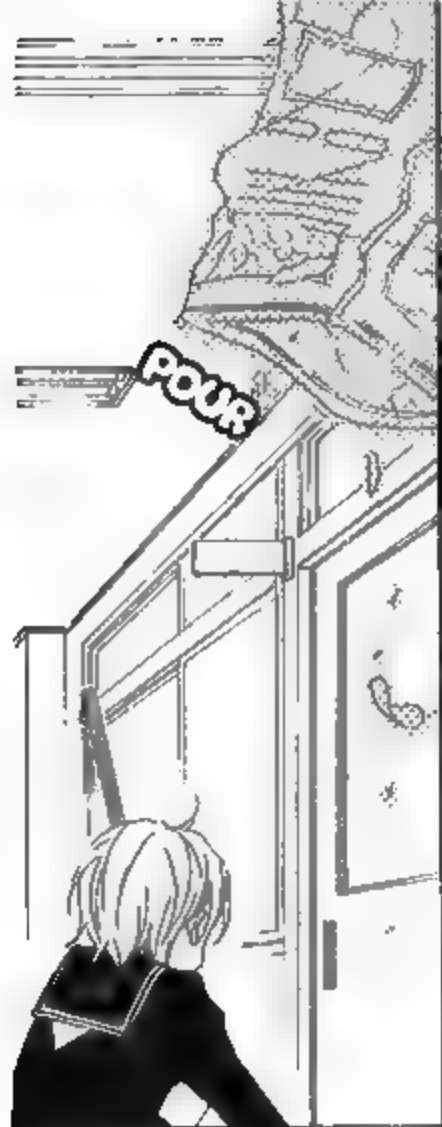


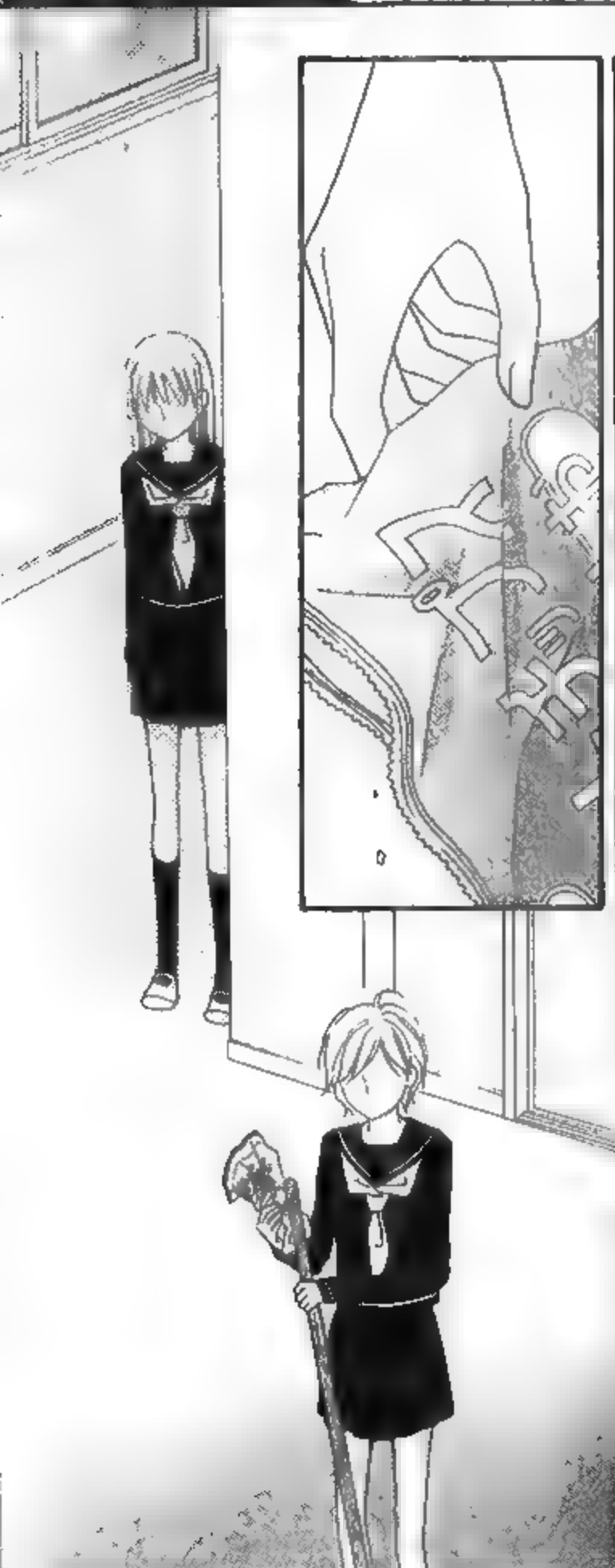
I'll soon be
out of the
institution

and will need to live
on my own

I can't depend on
others...









HEY, LET'S
GO AND
HAVE OUR
FORTUNES
TOLD THIS
TIME!

THAT
FORTUNE-
TELLING
GRANDMA IS
REALLY AC-
CURATE AT
HER PREDIC-
TIONS!

AND
SO



NOT
INTER-
ESTED?

EH?

YE...

YEAH
...

Unknown when she threw away the honorific

AH! DON'T TELL ME
IT'S BECAUSE
YOU'RE WORRIED
ABOUT THE THING
THAT HAPPENED
WITH TAGAMI AND
COMPANY?

AHH, JUST
LET IT GO,
THEY ARE
JUST NOT
WORTH YOUR
TIME!

NO...

IT
LOOKS
INTER-
EST-
ING...

Could it be that
there were other
instances

She didn't say any-
thing about what
happened yesterday.

when I wasn't
around?

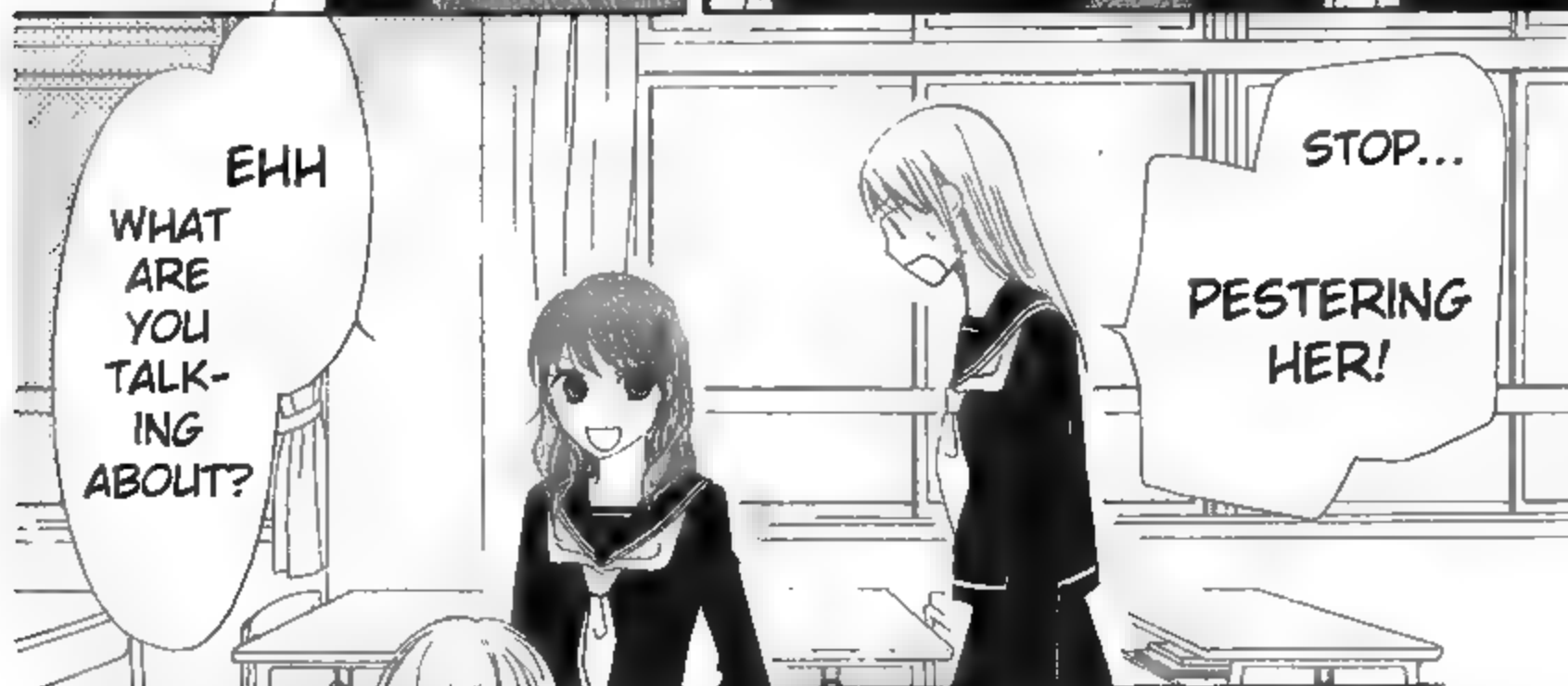


TO
TALK
TO YOU
ABOUT
...

I HAVE
SOME-
THING
...

Ummm...







WHAT CAN I
DO FOR YOU
TO STOP
THIS...?



...
HMMM.
WHAT,
EH?

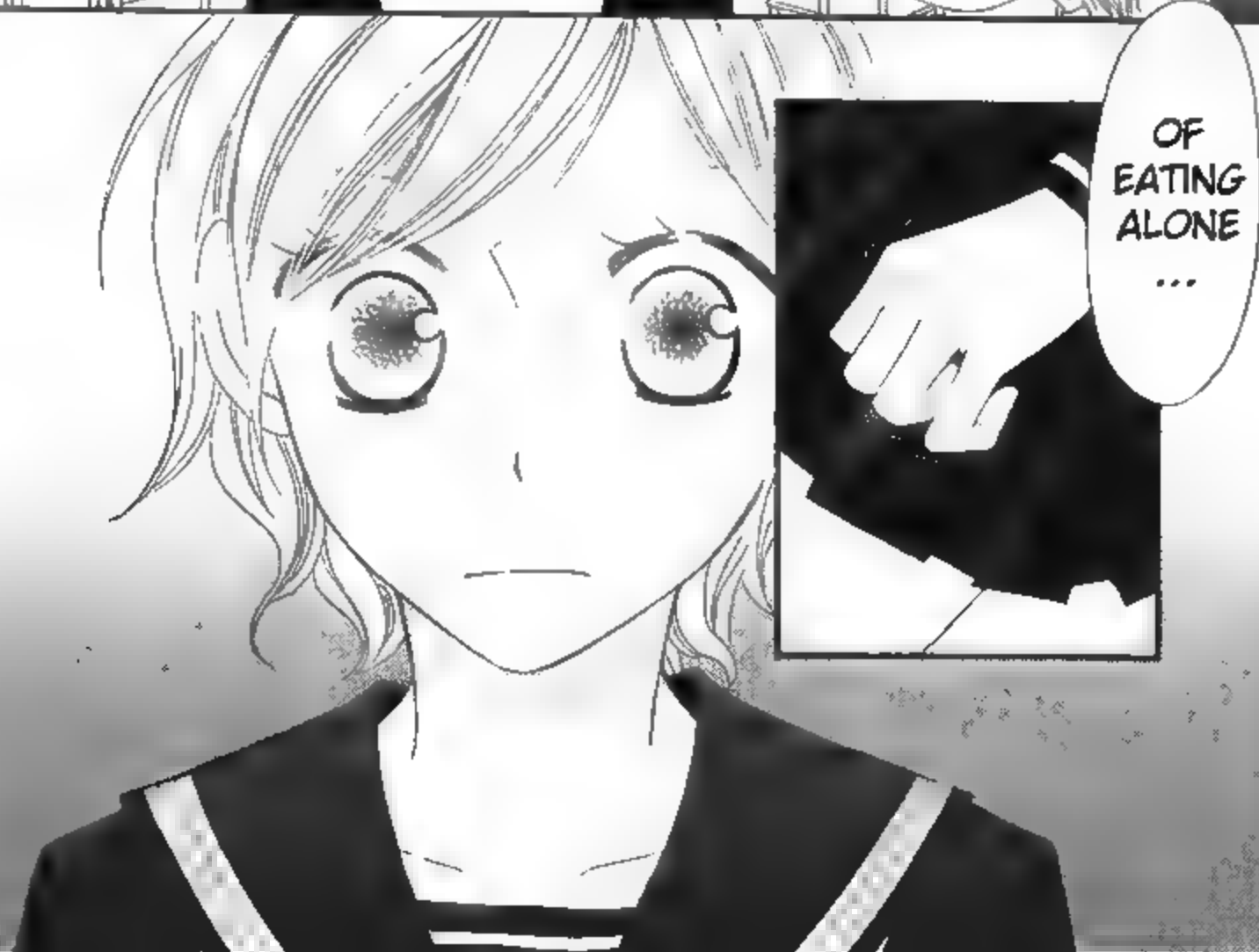
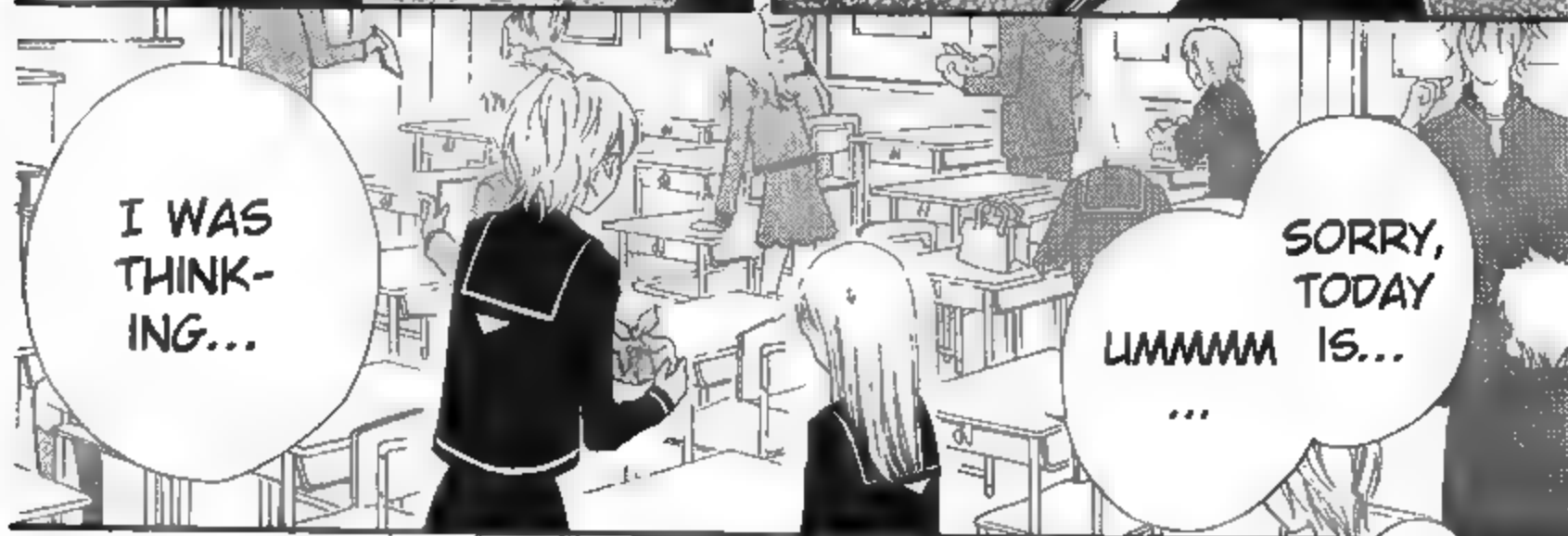
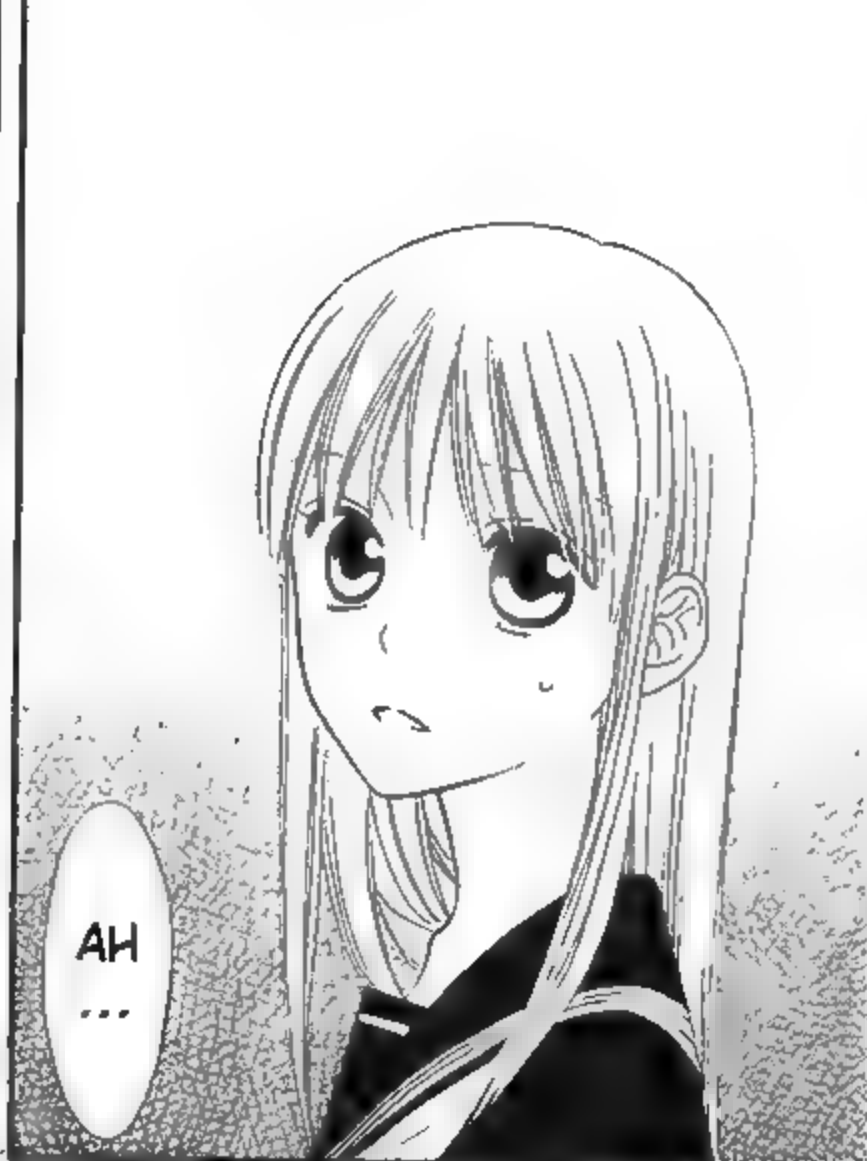


WHAT
...



SHI-
HARU

LET'S
HAVE
LUNCH!



"Let's see..."

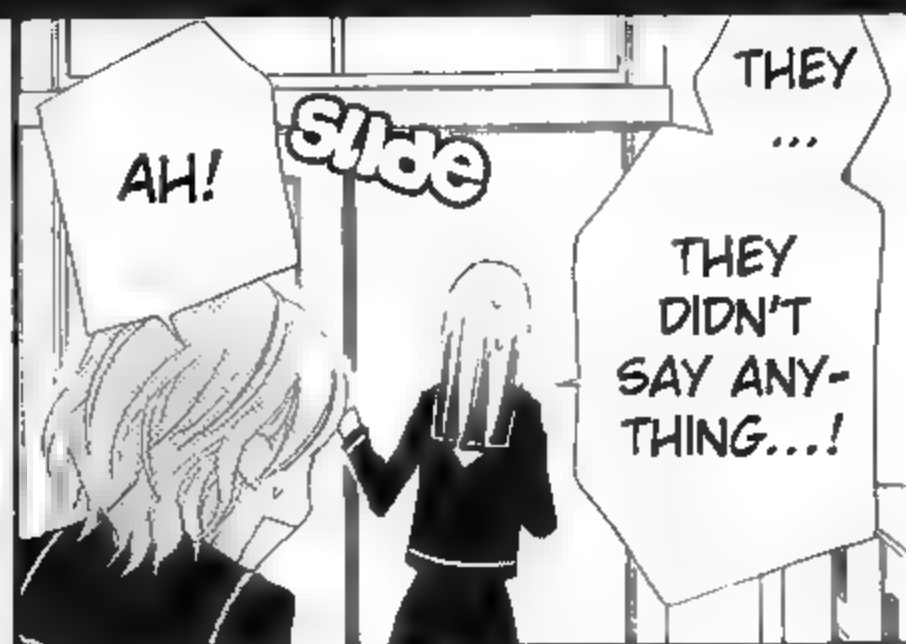
DID
TAGAMI
AND COM-
PANY SAY
SOME-
THING TO
YOU?

"If

Nakamura-san is
alone"

"I'll consider
changing my atti-
tude towards
Yoshii-san"

I don't want Rio to be thought of badly.



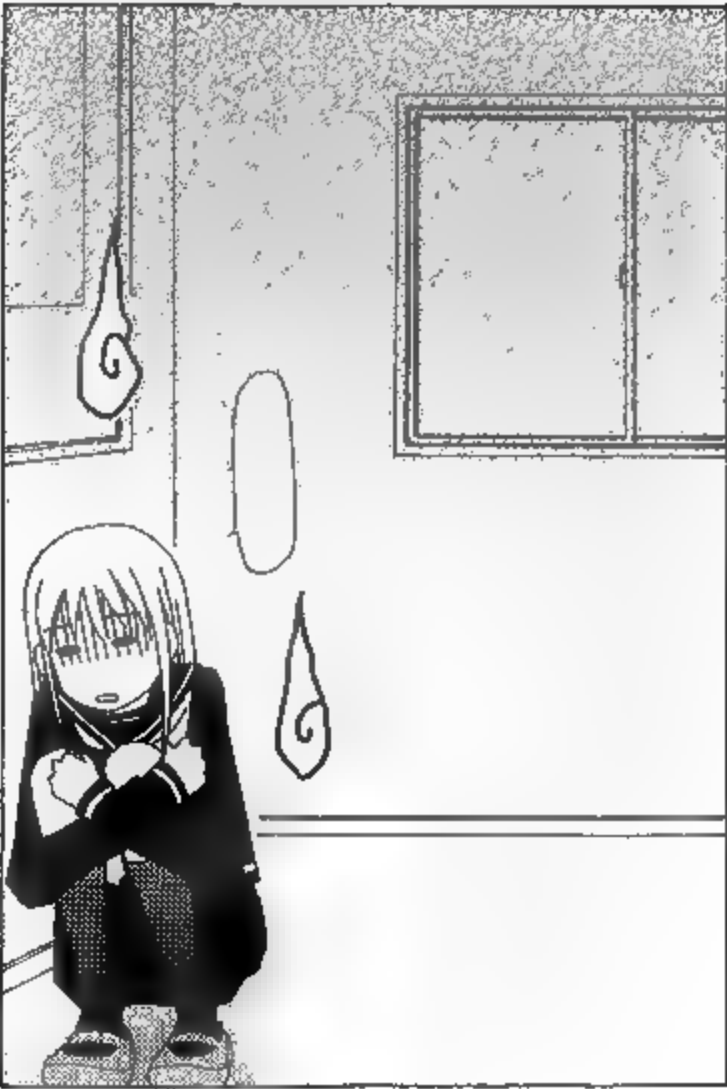


Wh...

what...

should I
do...?

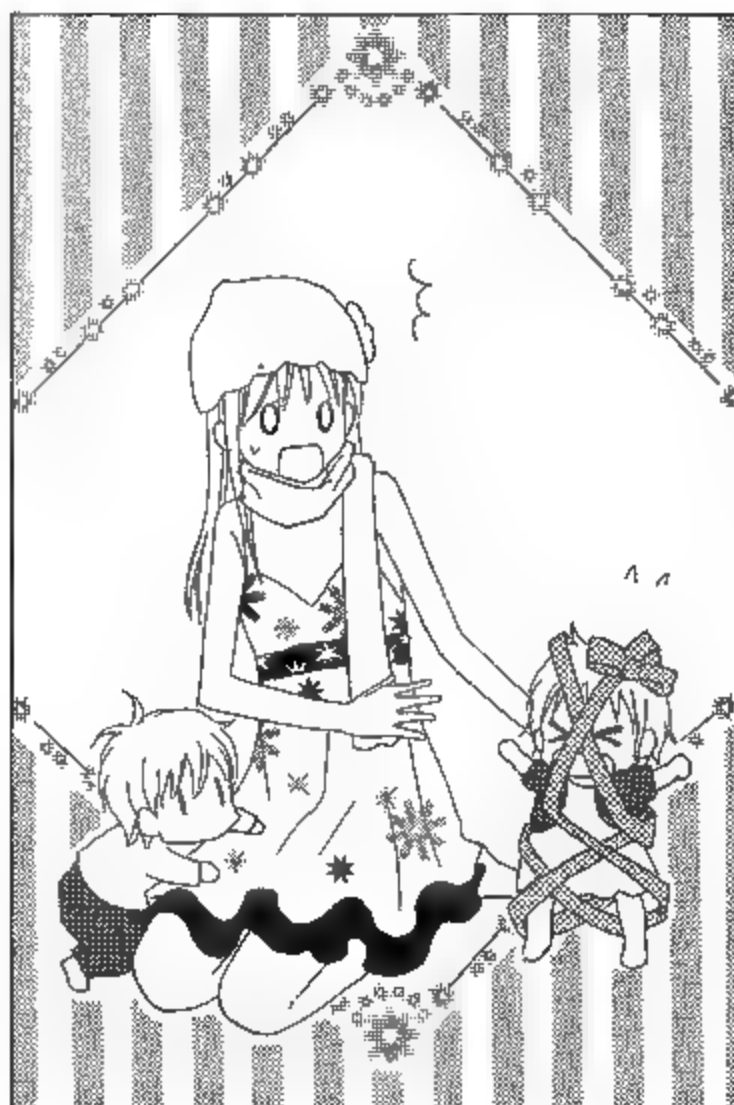




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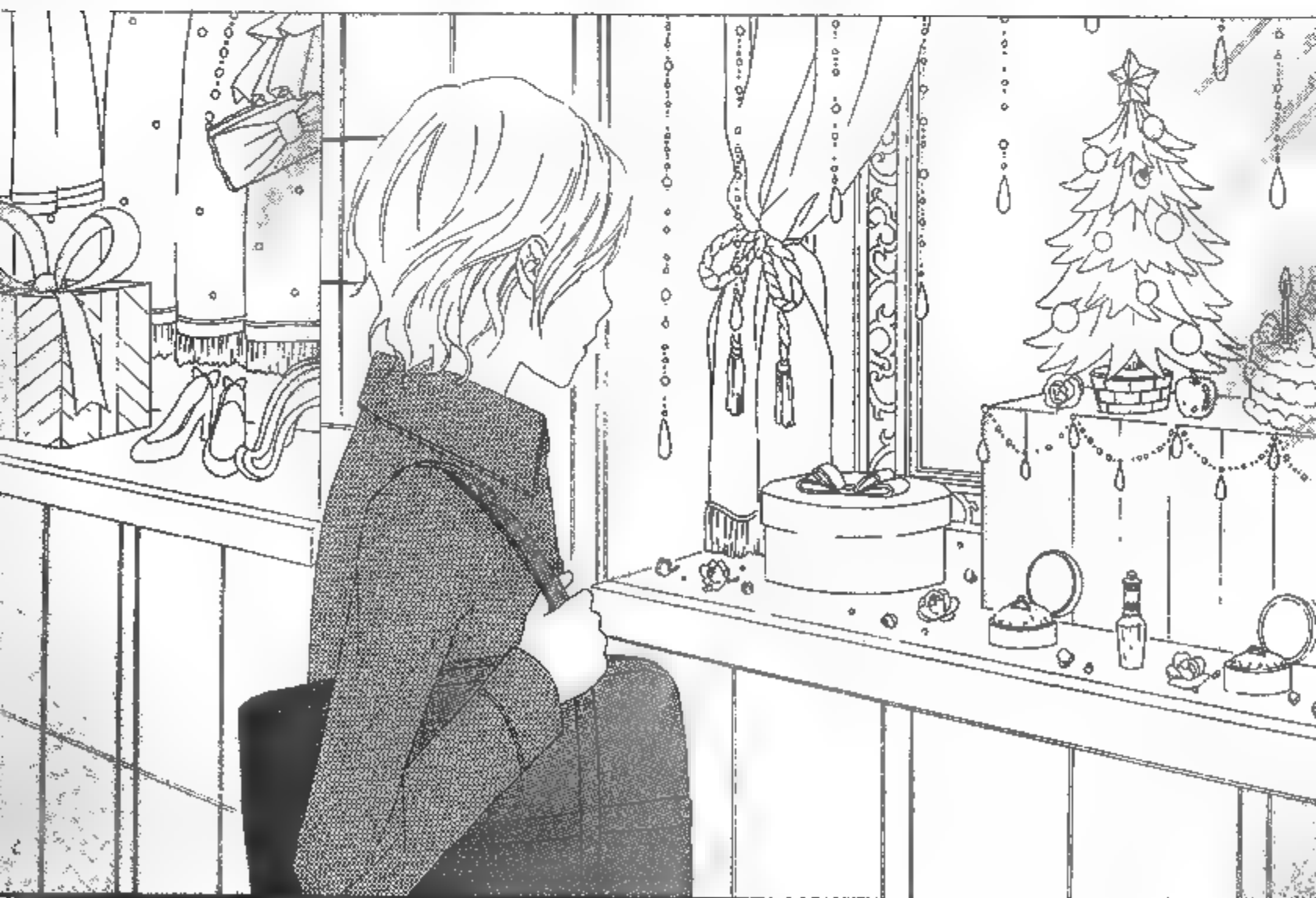




I don't want to drag Rio into this.



It's fine for me to suffer alone.





YOU KNOW,
IT'S ALMOST
SHIHARU-CHAN'S
SECOND
BIRTHDAY!

AKANE-
CHAN,
AOI-KUN,



WHY DON'T
WE PREPARE
A SURPRISE
PRESENT FOR
HER

?



We don't really get it, but.



P'epare

!!



click

IN THAT
CASE, LET'S
KEEP IT A
SECRET! YOU
TWO CAN
DO THAT,
RIGHT?

GOOD
MORNING!

JOJOJO!

!!!



?

stop

Too
difficult
for them.
huh?

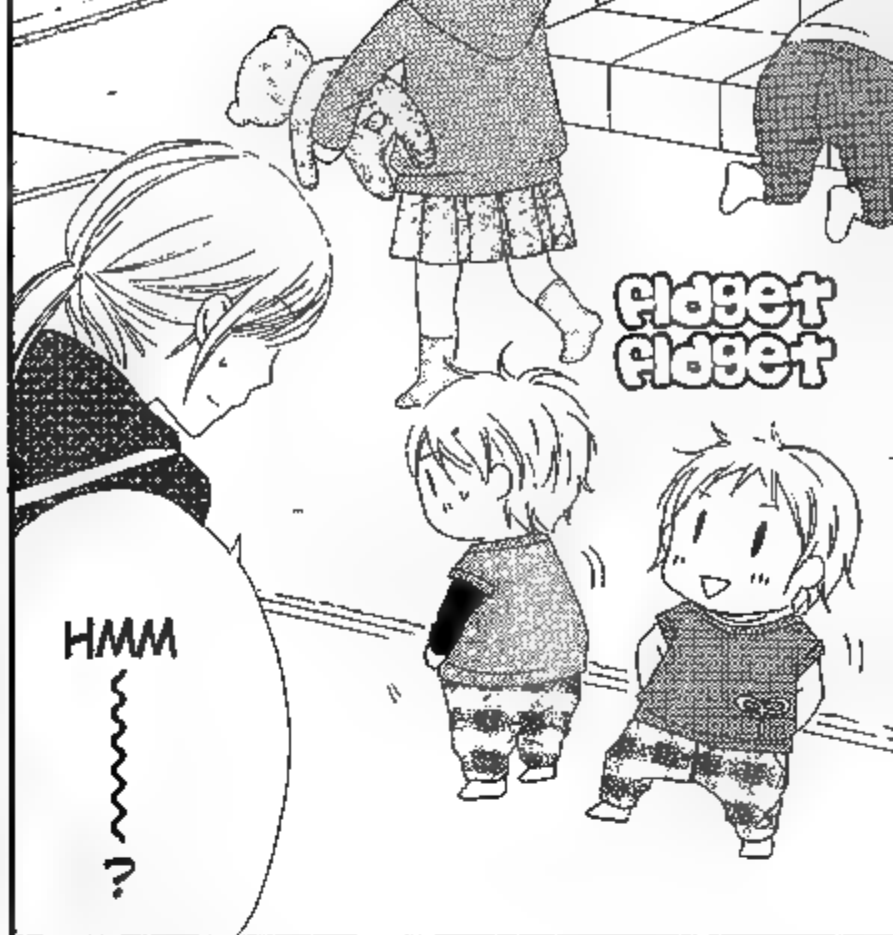
Ugh

Shiharu-tan,
it's a seekrit

!!

tap
tap
tap

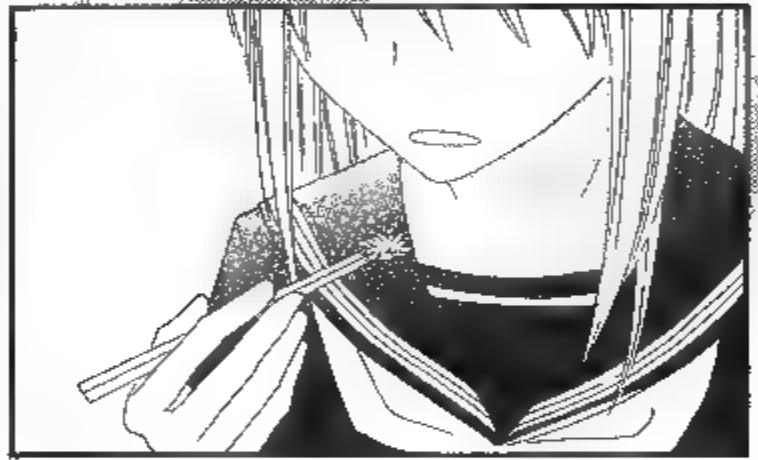
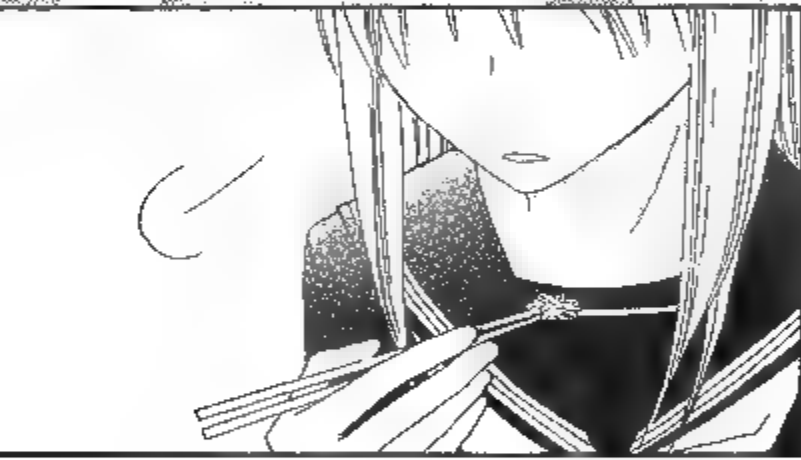












LOVE SO LIFE

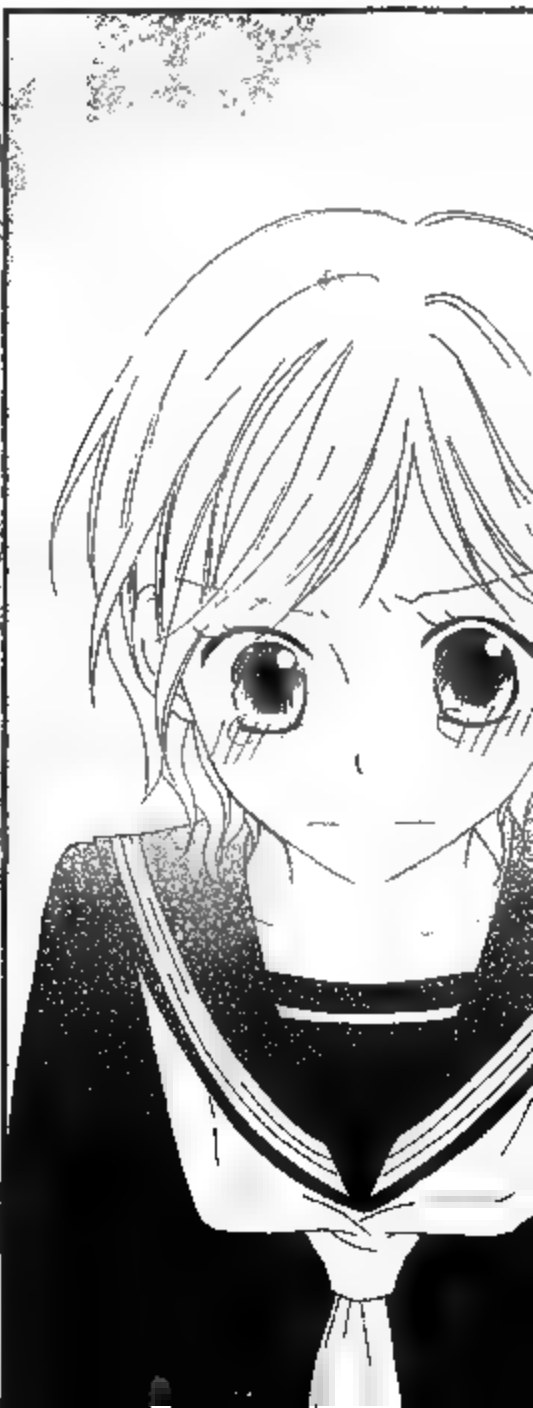
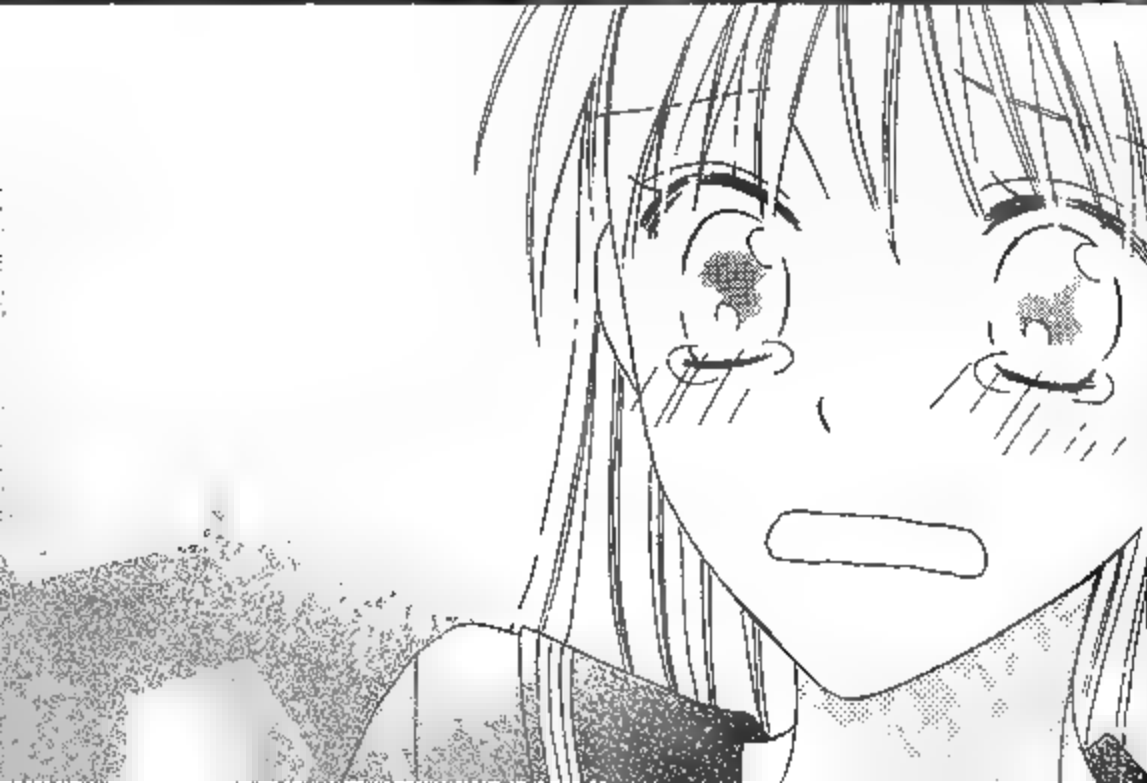
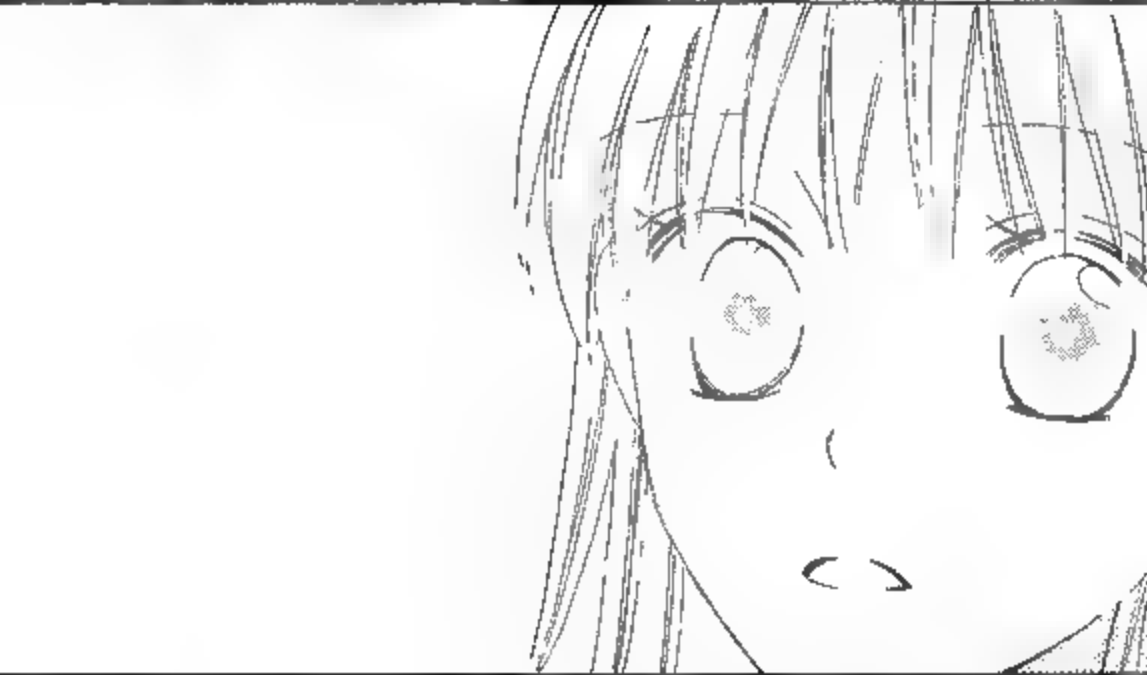




I
EVEN
...
CHOSE
YOUR
PRESENT

WHILE
THINKING
OF HOW
HAPPY YOU
WOULD
BE...

WHAT
DO YOU
TAKE ME
FOR!?





Rio is always so energetic and happy.



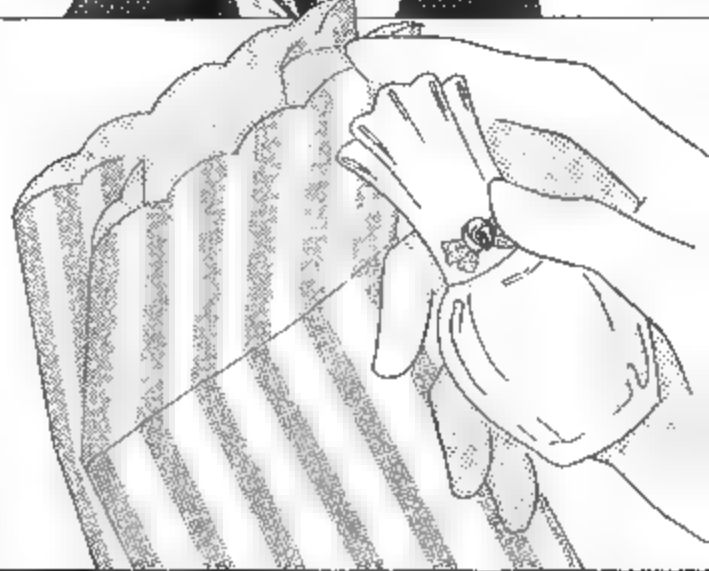
I don't want her to feel lonely.



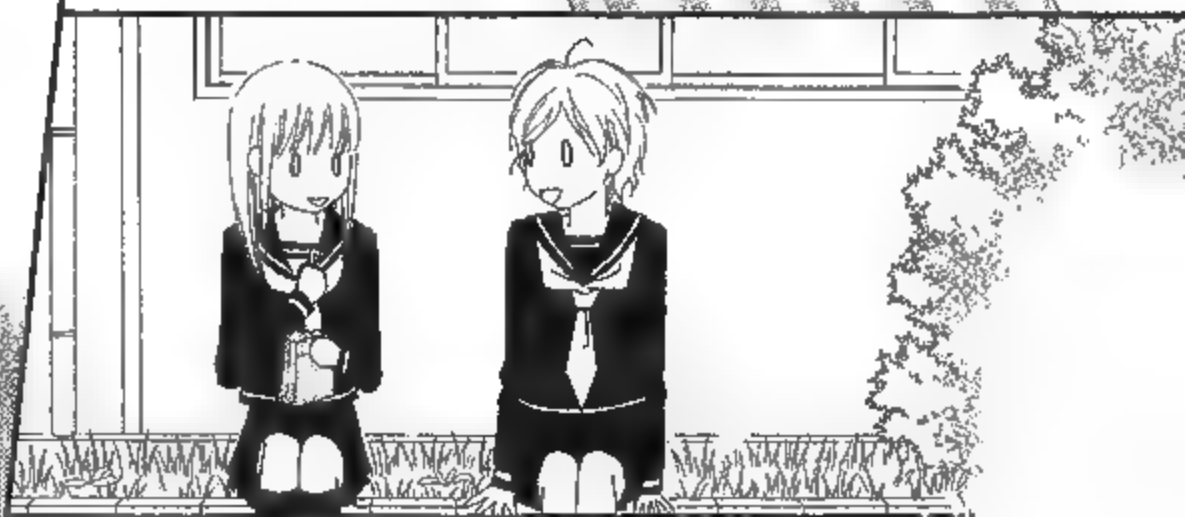
But in
the end,



Tagami-san
and I were
doing the
same thing.



doing
sad
things



Lying
to our-
selves.

Let's
stop





GOOD MORNING.

Z
Z
Z
Z
Z

Z
Z
Z
Z
Z



GOOD MORNING.

YOU'LL BE LATE PICKING THEM UP TODAY, RIGHT?

YES.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THEM FOR ME.



Shiaru-tan cere-blashun ...

mumble...

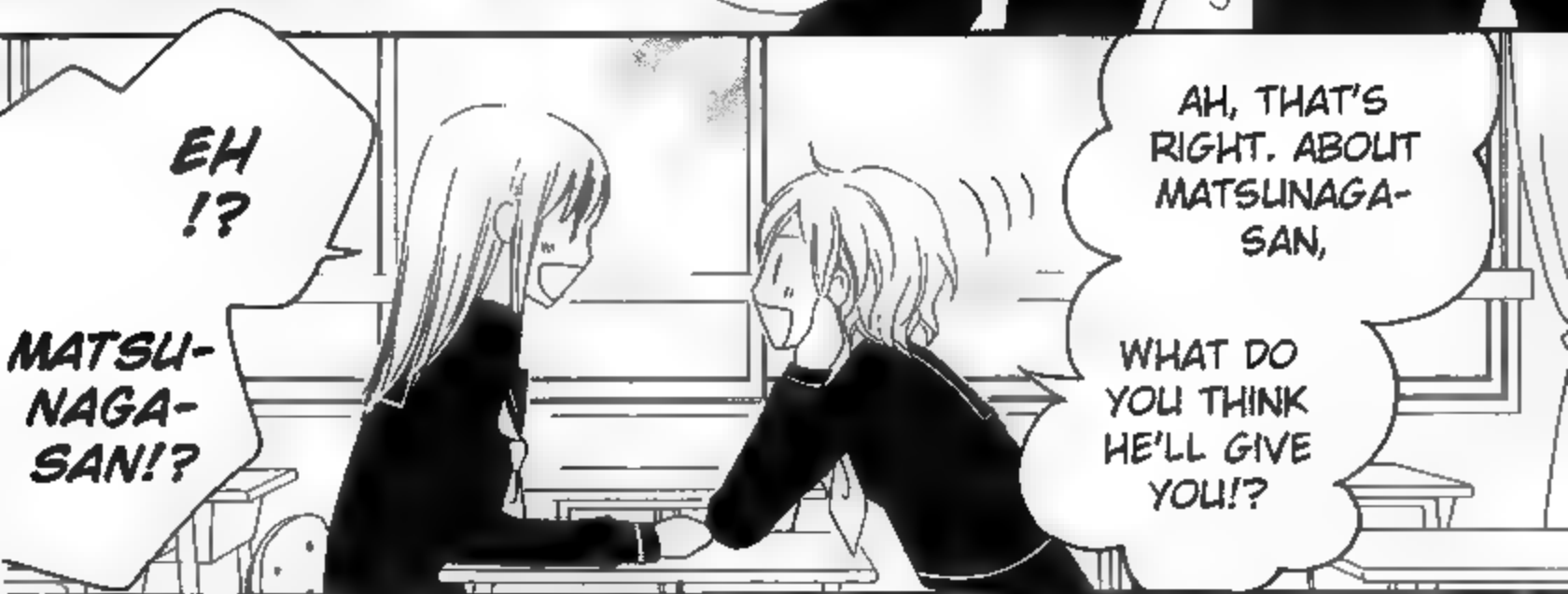
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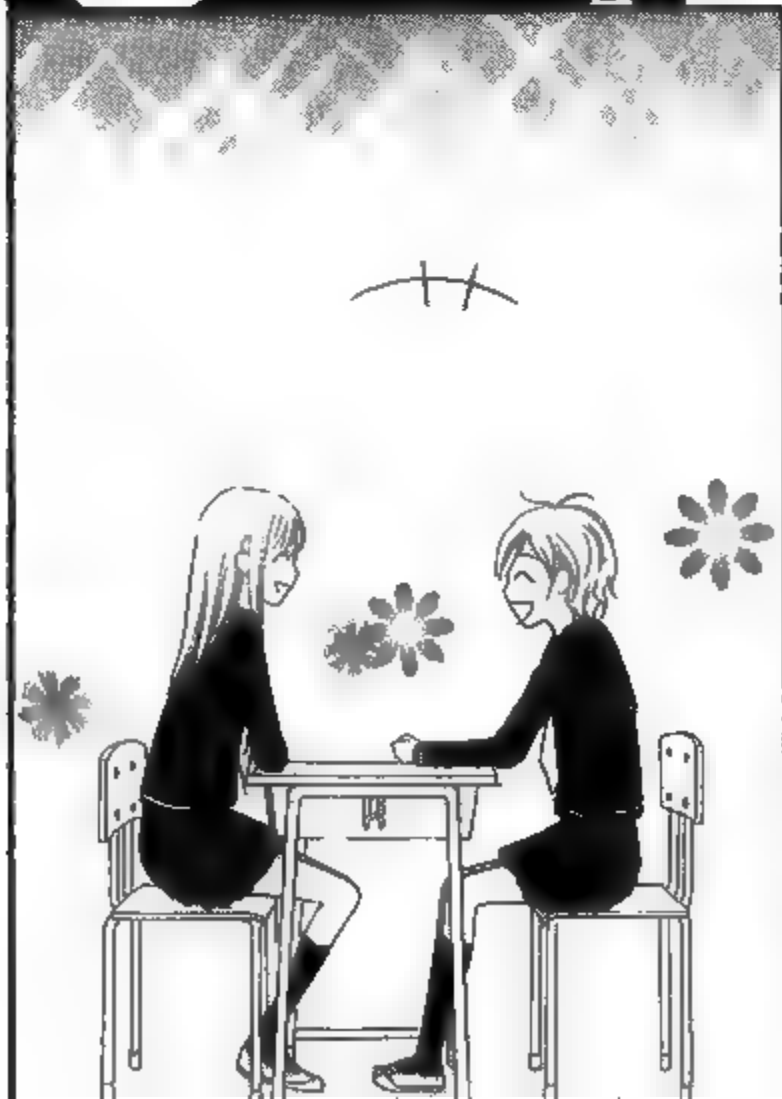
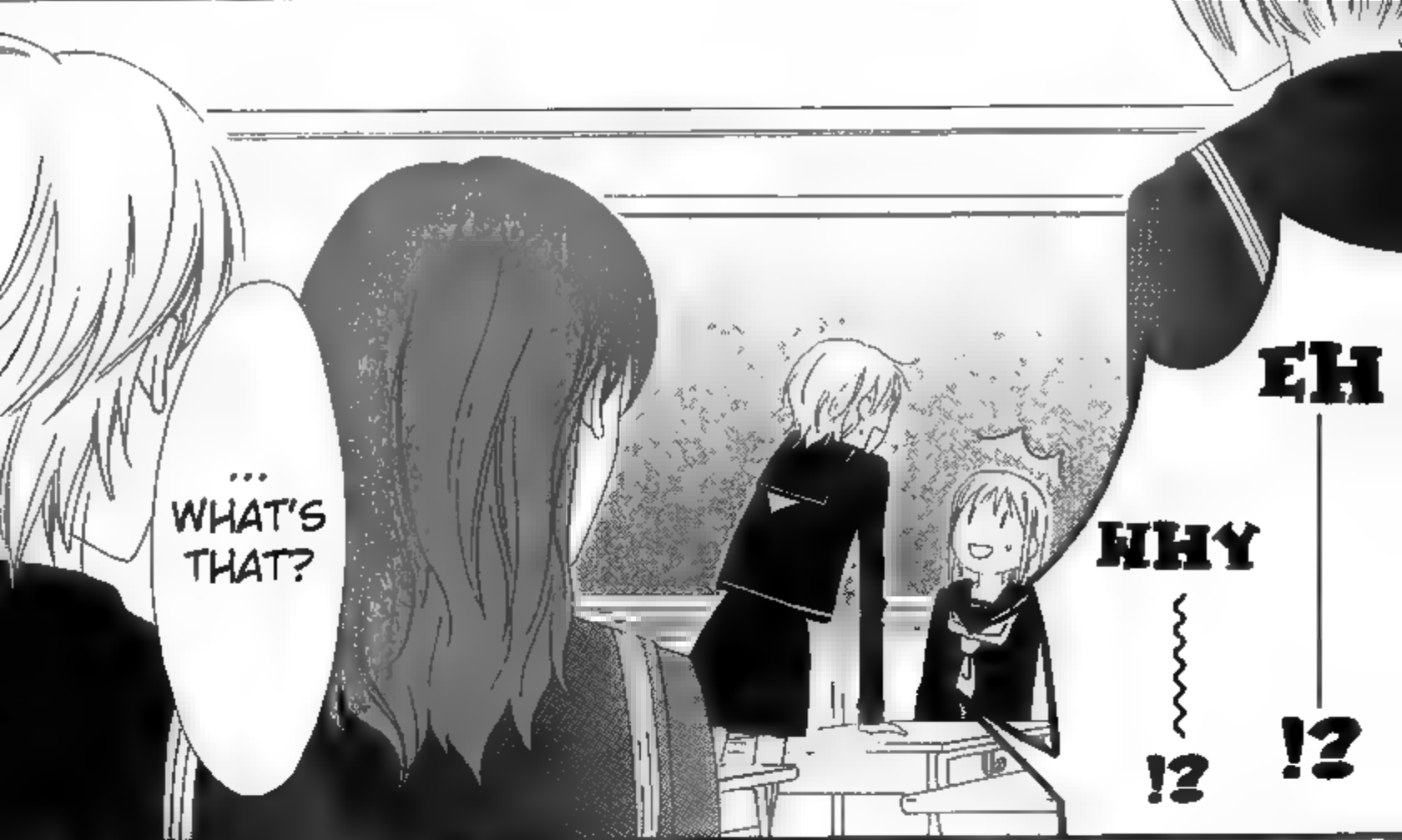
And so, after receiving the CD I felt more revived, but it's also because Love So Life volume 4 was published. That being said, there have been several inconsistencies raised. I don't know what to say to the readers that were kind enough to continue reading (I'm sorry if you mind after reading this!).

Throughout volumes 1-4 I had to meet the deadlines for the magazine, as well as that of the "non-serialized stories", sequels and serialized stories. And my time management became messed up.

I was totally wrong in thinking that "it isn't possible for this series to continue for long".









Ahaha



hahaha

We're
"dripping"
with good
looks!



WHAT

!?

THOSE TWO
JUST KEPT
LAUGHING
IT OFF, IT'S
KIND OF
SCARY!

GEEZ,
I'M GETTING
TIRED OF
THIS
ALREADY.

WHY
DON'T
WE
STOP?





THERE'S A
REALLY COOL
GUY WORKING
PART-TIME AT
THE CONVEN-
IENCE STORE IN
FRONT OF THE
STATION.

HEY,
DID YOU
KNOW?

SERI-
OUSLY

EH

!?



Tagami-san
soon turned
her attention
elsewhere

And
so,

HEY
...

WHERE'S
THAT
CONVENIENCE
STORE?



**Shiharu-
tan,
Happi**

**Seckin
BIRF-
dey!!**



TA-DA



[Cake] by Aoi



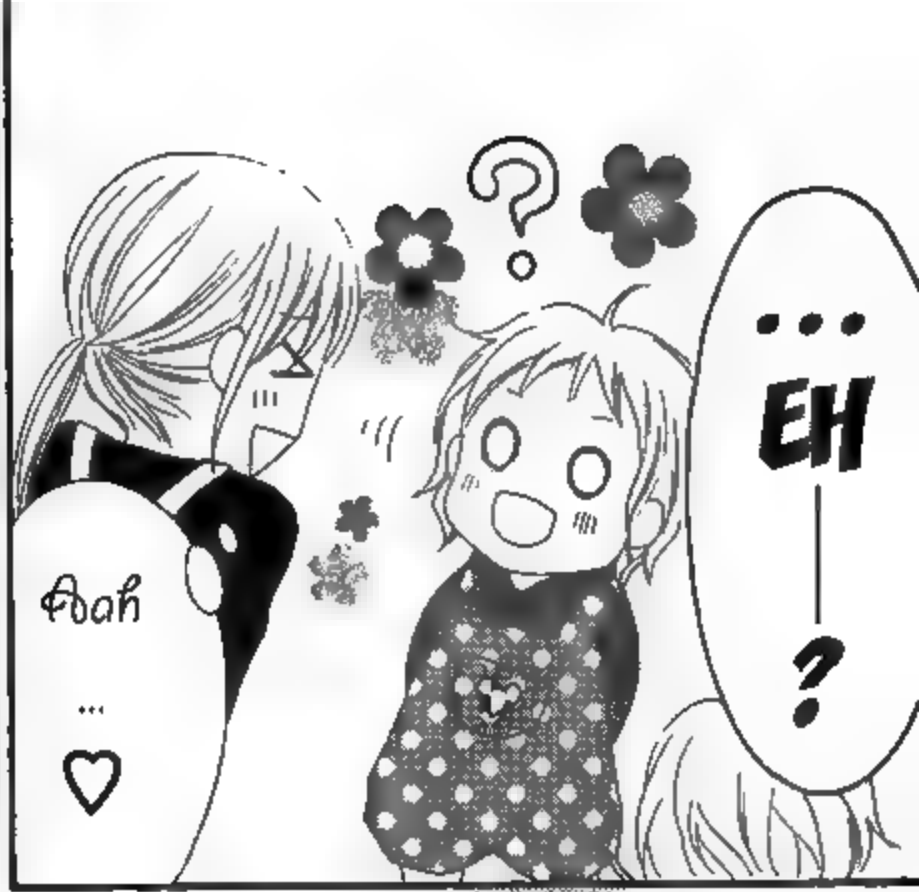
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[Ring] by Akane



I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
TWO WERE
GOING TO
MAKE ME
PRESENTS
!!









Today I
was able
to talk
to Rio.

and lots of
people cele-
brated with
me

It was a
good day

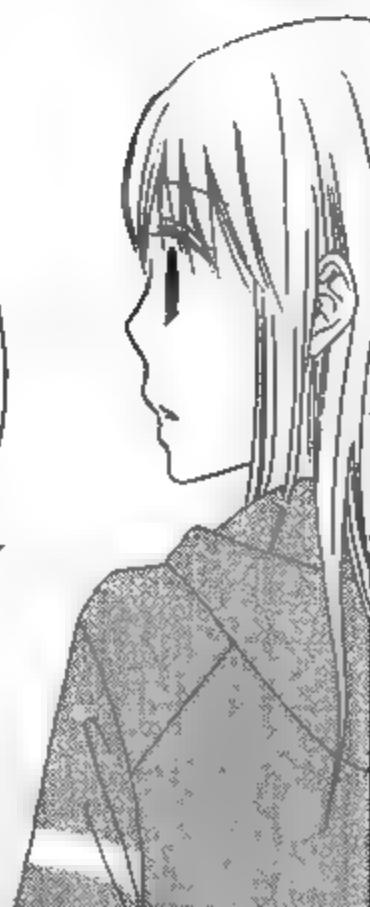
THE
EVENT
AT THE
INSTITU-
TION



It's about time that
Matsunaga-san
went to fetch the twins,
isn't it...?

YES
...

SHIHARU-
CHAN, ARE
YOU
AWAKE?







MATSU-
NAGA-
SAN

I JUST
WANTED

...

TO
SAY
THIS

HAPPY

SECOND
BIRTHDAY.

The
kids
here



is the
day

I first
came
here.



all have
painful
memories.
But...



Today



there are
many people
by their
sides.



THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH

That was
what I
thought of
on this
special day.

LOVE SO LIFE



that
boy
came.



After living
in the institute
for 3 years.



He was the
only one at
the institute



Hayato
Nao-kun



▼ Raku



in the
same grade
as me

GLARE







NAO-KUN,
PUT YOUR
LAUNDRY IN
THIS BASKET,
OKAY?

BECAUSE
I'M IN
CHARGE OF
THE LAUNDRY
FROM NOW
ON!

Nao & Shiharu
Elementary Grade 3



EH
...

SSH SSH

I'LL DO
MY OWN
LAUNDRY.



WHAT
HAS?

LET
ME
GO!

N
:
NO,
YOU
CAN'T
IT'S
BEEN
DECIDED
ALREADY!



ADVERTISING





NAO-KUN,
LOOK! I'M
A RED
OGRE!

Don't you
understand
that because
of me, you
were forced
to come along
with me?

Shiharu
was
"just an
idiot" at
first,



To
me

is The Red
and Blue
Ogres

Today's
picture
book

but
that

didn't
last
very
long

?

LET'S GO!
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN
TO YOU
IF YOU'RE
WITH THAT
GIRL?

YOU CAN'T
PLAY WITH
HER ANY-
MORE!



LOVE SO LIFE



and I
soon
became
interested
in her.

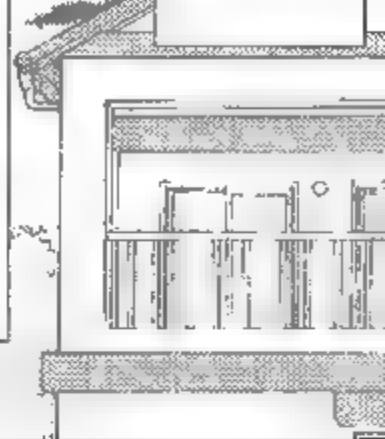
I'm
home



by that
idiotic-
faced
Shiharu
when she
returned

I
would
be
greeted

No
matter
which
day it
was



WHY
WERE YOU
CRYING
BEFORE?

NO I
WASN'T
!!

WHY
ARE YOU
LYING?

I
WASN'T
CRYING
...

?

YOU
WERE
CRYING.





**I
DIDN'T
CRY**

!!

And then

**Getting caught for the
1st time.**

(30 minutes later)



**NAO-KUN!
YOU
SHOULDN'T
MAKE A
GIRL CRY!**



**EVERYONE
HAS THINGS
THEY WANT
TO KEEP TO
THEMSELVES,
DON'T THEY?**

Why can't I make
a girl cry?

**WHY
AM I
BEING
SCOLDED
FOR
TELLING
THE
TRUTH?**

**NAO-
KUN
!**

**AH
!**

**Nao, leaving the Insti-
tute for the 1st time.**

I'll live
alone!!

**I DON'T
KNOW!
I'M
GETTING
OUT OF
THIS
PLACE!**

EH
...
!?

Half a year later

MISAKI-
CHAN IS
LEAVING THE
INSTITUTION
...!?

YEAH,

...
I
SEE
...

I
SEE
...
!

AH
...
!!

MY GRAND-
MOTHER'S
CONDITION
IMPROVED,
SO I'M
GOING TO
LIVE WITH
HER.

YOUR
GRANDMA'S
ILLNESS
...

...THAT'S
GOOD TO
HEAR.

F



EH...?
THAT'S
BECAUSE
...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
YOU'RE
JEALOUS
!?

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

NAO-
KLIN
!

ARE YOUR
MOM AND
DAD DOING
WELL!?

BUT I
HAVE
ABSOLUTELY
NO INTENTION
OF MEETING
THEM!

MY
PARENTS
ARE PROB-
ABLY ALIVE
SOMEWHERE
TOO,

EH

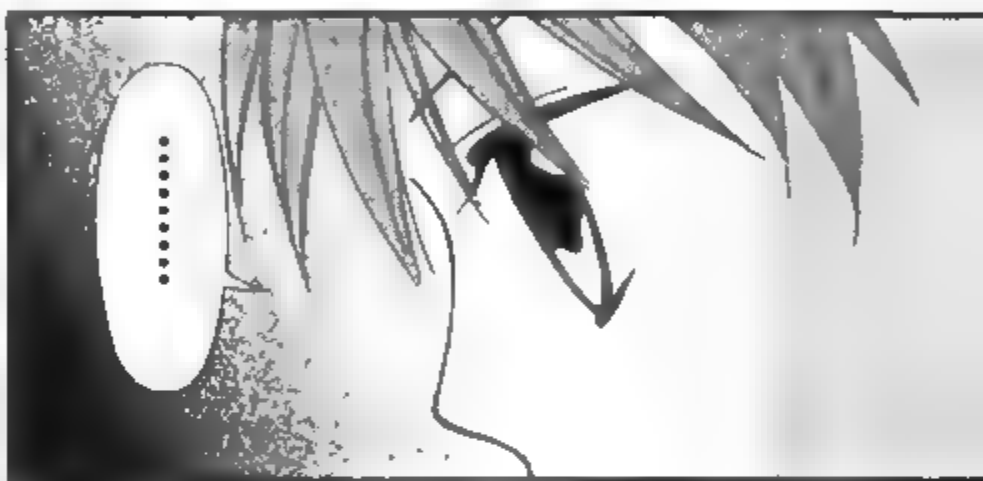
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THEN
WHY AREN'T
YOU LIVING
WITH THEM
...?

MOST
LIKELY
...

Huh...?



...
I DON'T
KNOW.



YOU
GOT
LOST
...
?



I GOT
LOST IN
ELEMENTARY
GRADE 3
...

AND I
NEVER
MET THEM
AFTER
THAT.

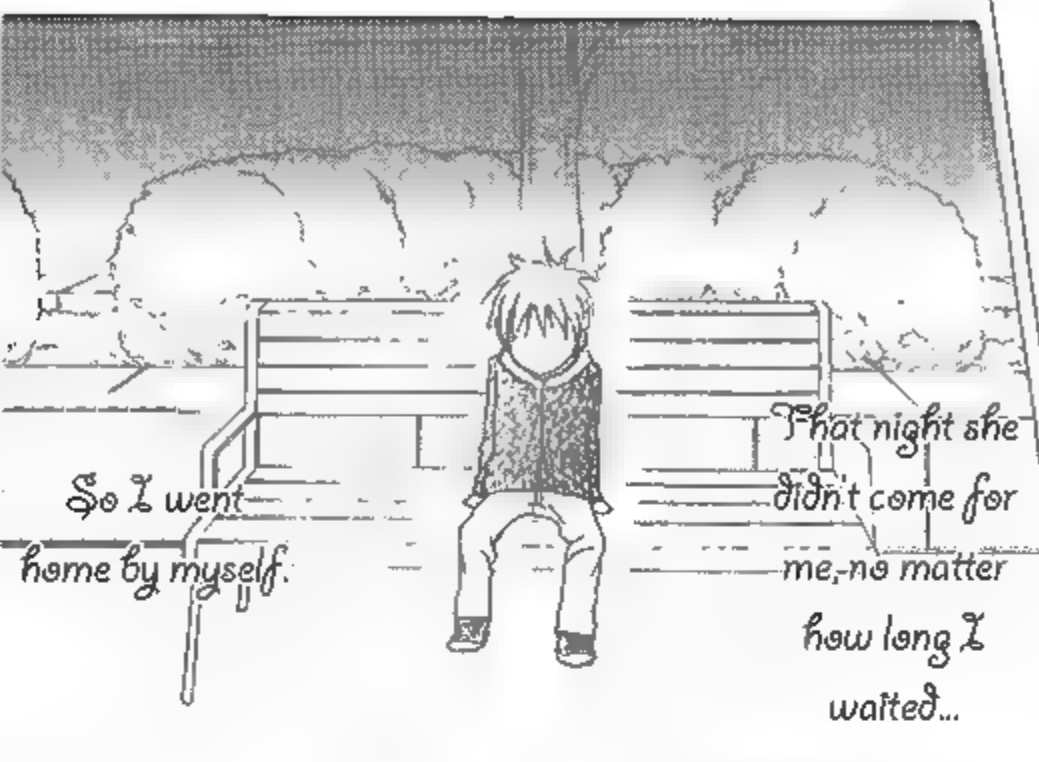




Now
that I
think
about
it....

**On that
day, my
mum was
acting
suspi-
cious
since
morning.**





And she was holding a big bag that would probably hinder her shopping.



NAO-KUN'S MUM!

**E
v
e
n
s
o
...**

*I didn't shed
any tears.*

I
DON'T
KNOW

I DON'T
THINK SHE'S
HERE...

Hmm
I THINK WE
WILL FIND
HER IF WE
SEARCH
SOME-
WHERE...

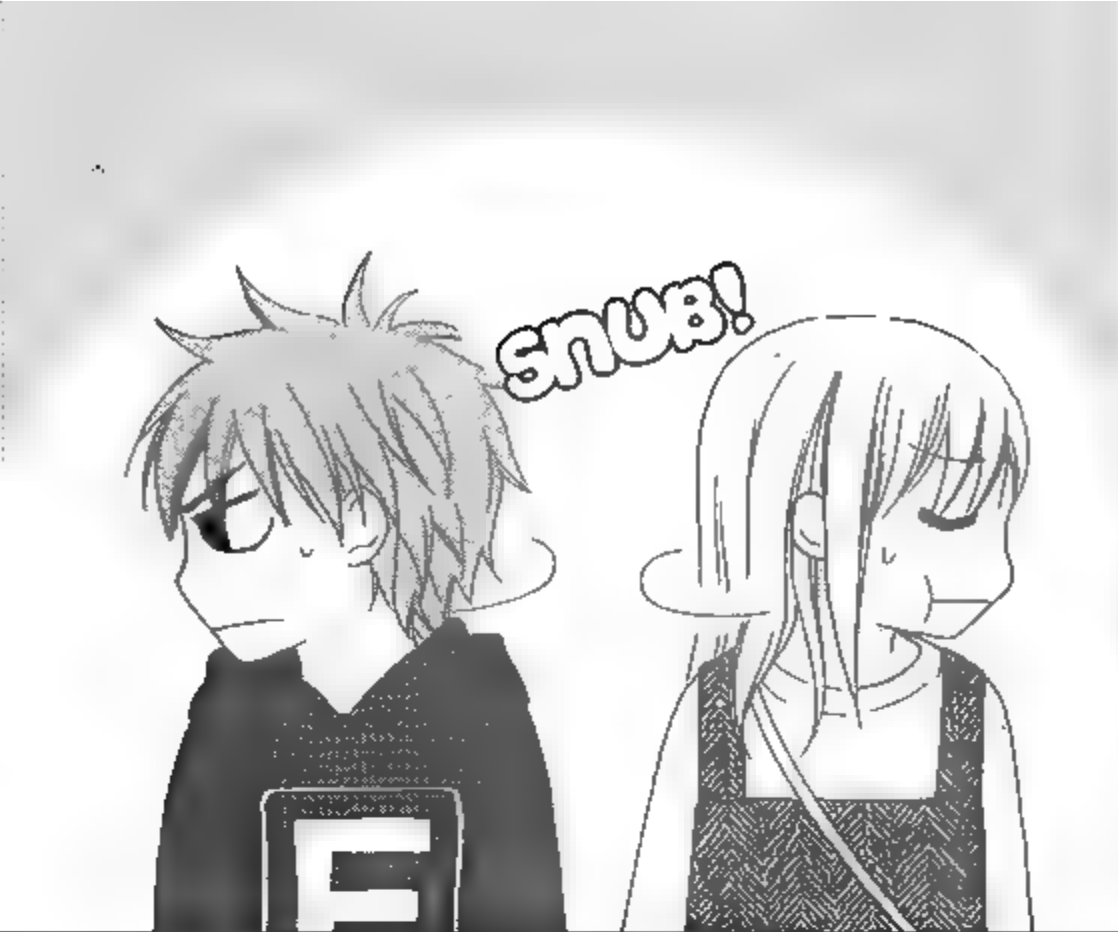
*This
place is
huge*

**THAT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE!**

Don't joke with me!

WHY!? I'M
SURE SHE'S
SEARCHING FOR
YOU EVERY
DAY...!!

**Both
are
serious.**



so desperate?

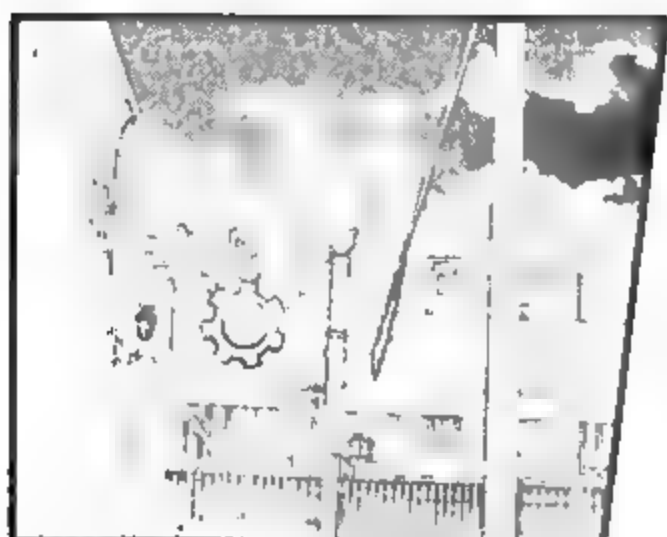
Why is she...

FINE! I'LL
SEARCH
ONCE
MORE ON
THE
OTHER
SIDE!

Nao-kun is
here!

NAO-
KUN'S
MUM
!!!

I already
know she's
not here,
but...



grumble...

AH!

S-
SORRY
...

LET'S
GO
BACK
AL-
READY...

Is she

an

idiot...?



OKAY
...

BUT...

KIDS WILL
GET
CAUGHT BY
THE POLICE
IF THEY
WANDER
AROUND AT
NIGHT!

Bitter memory.



Parents who would
search desperately

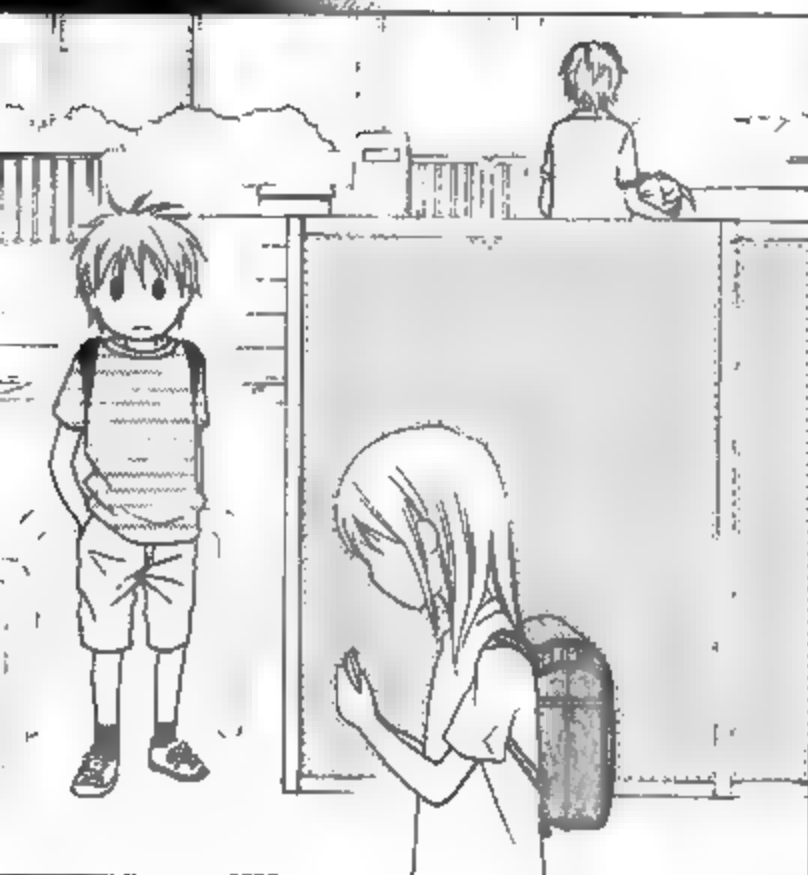
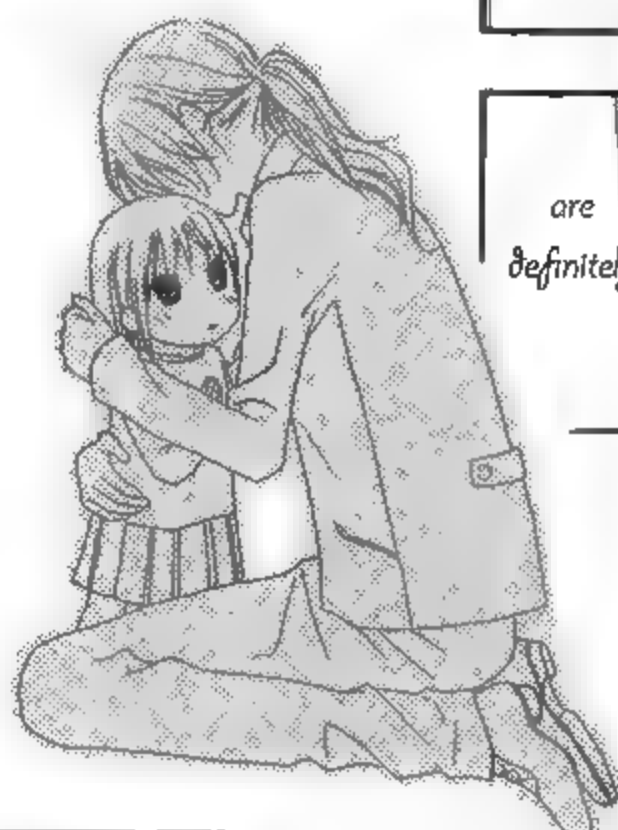
until they found
her

should Shiharu
get lost.



are
definitely

Shiharu's
parents...





What can
I do...
to ensure that
she will never
cry again?

Sihiharui's



idiotic face
suits her
better.





YOU
KNOW

...

Some-
thing...

IF YOU FEEL
LONELY BE-
CAUSE YOUR
FAMILY ISN'T
THERE...



NAO-
KUN?



BECOME A
REAL
FAMILY
WITH ME!

YOU
CAN...

that I can
do...





OKAY~~!



SINCE
YOU'RE
HUNGRY,

HOW
ABOUT
HAVING
SOME
FOOD AT
UNCLE'S
HOUSE?



GROWMBLEE...

AH!

Not again!



I WONDER
WHAT'S
FOR
DINNER
TONIGHT?




YOU
GUYS
...



WELL...
ACTUALLY...
UNCLE HAS
A DAUGHTER
THE SAME
AGE AS YOU
GUYS...

I
SEE...



NO, WE CAN'T
GO! WE AREN'T
SUPPOSED TO
FOLLOW
STRANGERS!



BUT, UMM...
SHE PASSED
AWAY BE-
CAUSE OF A
TRAFFIC
ACCIDENT
LAST
WINTER...

WITH HER
GONE, THE
DINNER TABLE
FEELS A BIT
LONELY...



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT!?
THIS IS
DEFINITELY
SUSPICIOUS!

I'LL
GO...

HEY!

F

F

B... BUT
THIS
UNCLE IS
SO
PITIFUL...



WAH
...

SUDDENLY

SO...
ONLY
THIS
YOUNG
GIRL
WILL BE
COMING?

STOP IT!
THERE'S AN-
OTHER SIDE TO
KIND ADULTS!



WHA...

WHAT ARE
YOU
DOING!?
PUT
SHIHARU
DOWN!

Y
YEAH
...

PULL

tch

THWA



oh?

GOOD
GRIEF...
SO UN-
REA-
SON-
ABLE...
...
THAT'S
WHY I
DIS-
LIKE
GUYS



N-
NO!

AL-
RIGHT,
LET'S
GO...

**NAO-
KUN!**

AHHH, THIS
WON'T DO...
YOU NEED TO
KEEP QUIET
SINCE IT'S
NIGHT TIME.

...!!

**THAT
GUY...!**

DAMMIT
...

LOVE SO LIFE

Chapter 22



the one
who shone
light onto
it was

In a world
where I didn't
even know
what was
right



...?



NA...
NAO-
KUN,



NAO-KUN,
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT

!?

What
an idiot

...

You
should

...



WAIT,
YOU
PERVERT
....!!

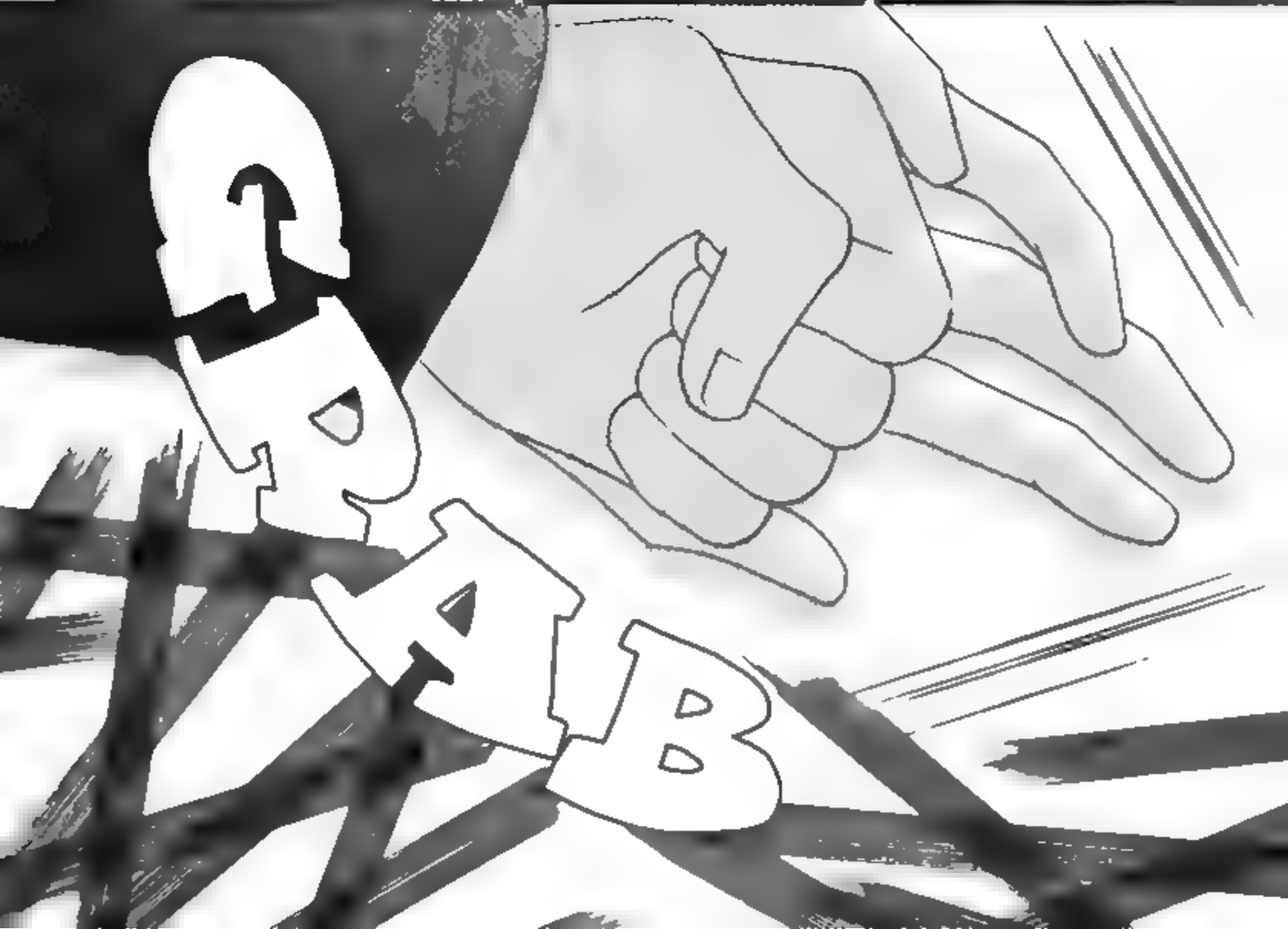
Worry about
yourself.

...

!!









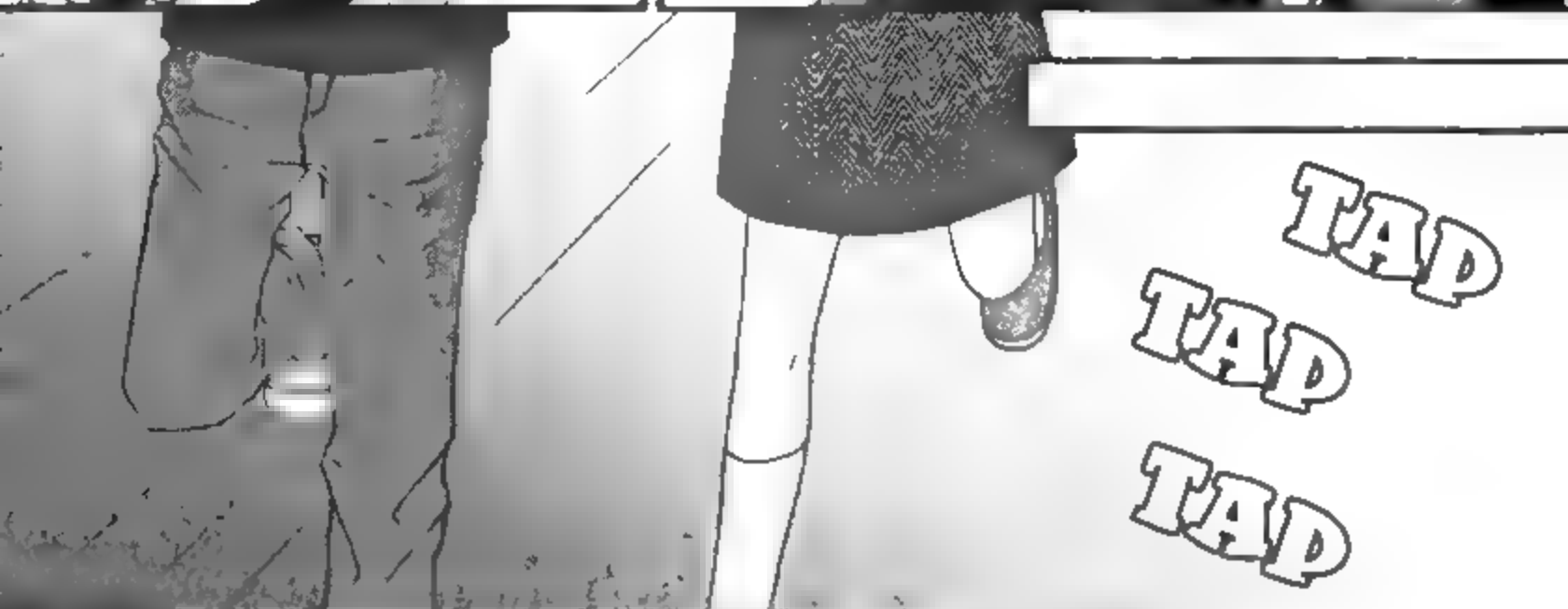
**I DON'T
KNOW
YOU!!
IDIOT
!!**

I'M...
TH-THESE
TWO KIDS'
RELATIVE
...

...
WHA
...

WHAT
IS IT,
YOUNG
MAN?







What're
you
smiling
about
??

jolt

YOU
IDI-
OT!

BEING DE-
CEIVED
BY A
STRANGER
...!!

Be more
concerned
about yourself

I...

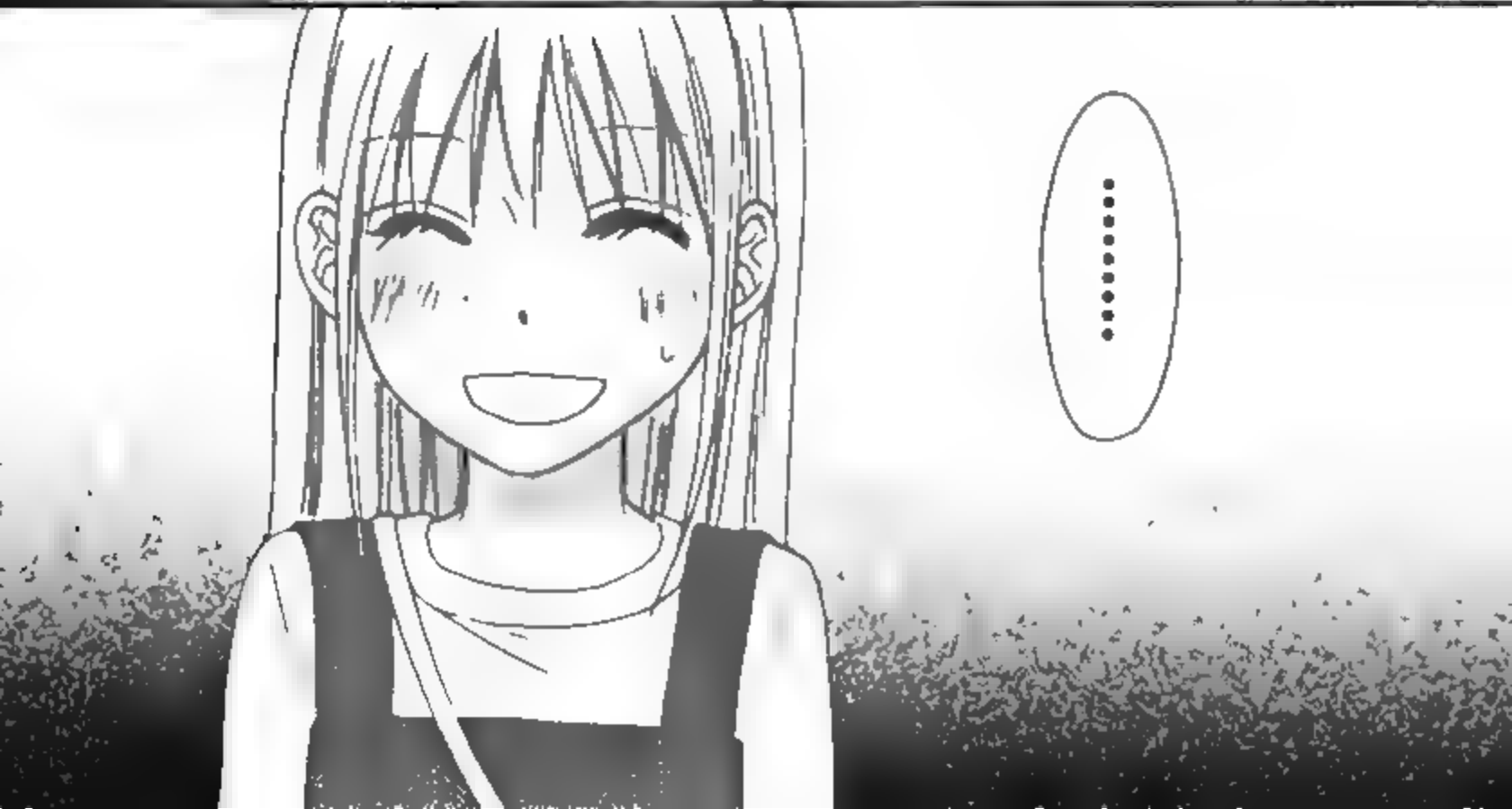
SORRY

...

...
SO-



It
wasn't
that
scary!





...oh

...



Could it
be that

I'm
home

She's...
smiling,
but...

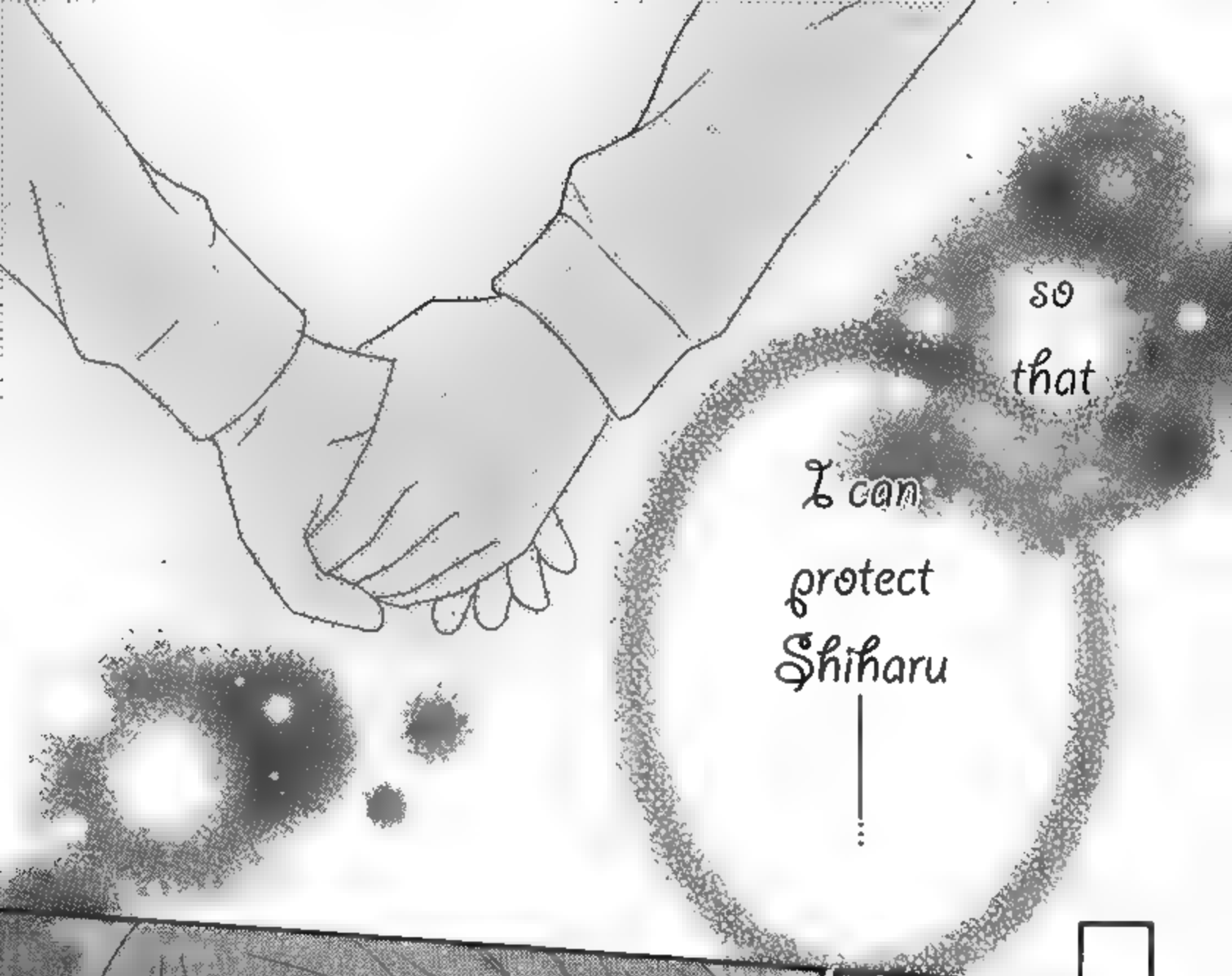


pret-
ending

she's
actually







so
that

I can
protect
Shiharu

—







HIS FORE-
HEAD IS
ALL RED
!

GEEZ,
NAO-
KUN!

WHY
DID YOU
HIT
HIROSHI-
KUN!?



...
THEN

I HAVE
SOMETHING
I WANT
TO ASK
AS WELL.

THAT'S
NOT THE
PROBLEM
...
!

...IT'S
GOT
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH YOU

AND GUYS
SHOULDN'T
CRY JUST
BECAUSE OF
A FLICK TO
THE FORE-
HEAD.



DID YOU
GO SOME-
WHERE WHEN
YOU WENT
OUT ON
CHRISTMAS
?

...
WHAT
?



⑥

Kouchi Kaede
Urgent Apology Interview

Did you consider
the confusion
that they
would cause?

What is
your
opinion
on the
various
contra-
dictions?

Why did
you have
your first
interview
with Ogawa
during New
Years of
your first
year?

I'm
really
sorry.

"buzz"
"buzz"

"gets
up"

want to
know

That's
what

"runs away"

That
is
all

That
is
all

Ah no, I'm really sorry about this.

...

"I
KNEW
IT."
?

KNEW
WHAT
...
?

I
KNEW
IT.

YOU WERE
ACTING
WEIRD
DURING
VALENTINE'S
DAY.

EH
!?

TH...THAT'S
NOT TRUE

I DON'T
THINK...

Valentine's Day

WHO'S THAT
GUY?

SOMEONE
FROM MY
PART-TIME
JOB.

THE
RECIPIENT
IS AN
ADULT...

AH,
THAT'S
BE-
CAUSE

HEY
SHIHARU-
CHAN, WHY
IS THIS
CONTAINER
DIFFERENT?

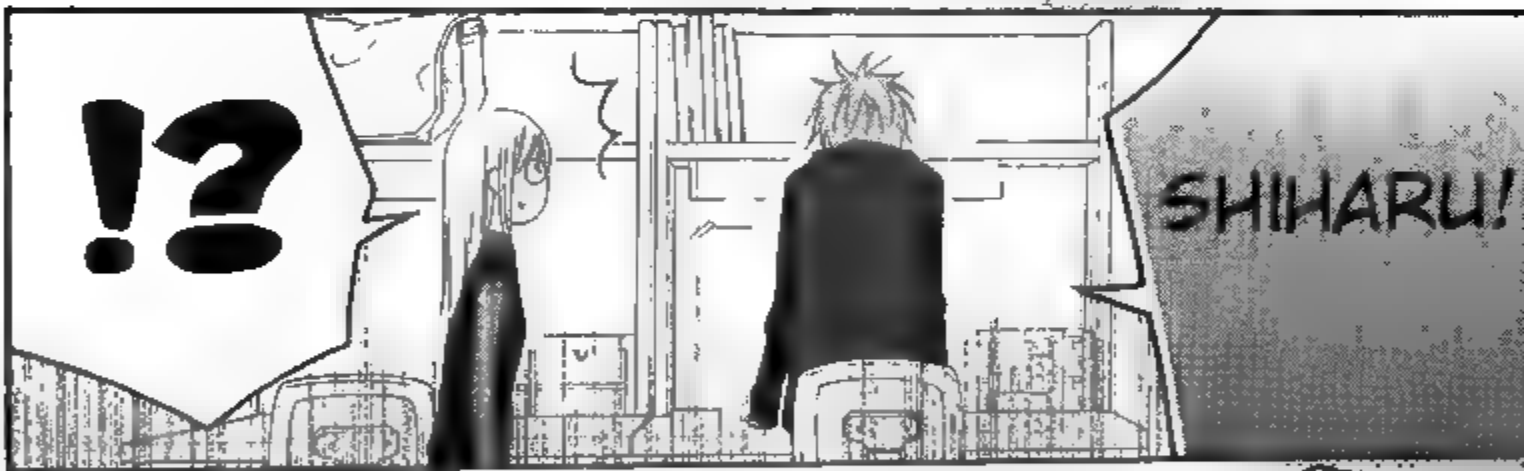


For
8
years...

I've never seen

we've always
been
together,
and yet

that expression before.





RIP



Idiot-faced
Shiharu...

That





NAO-KUN...



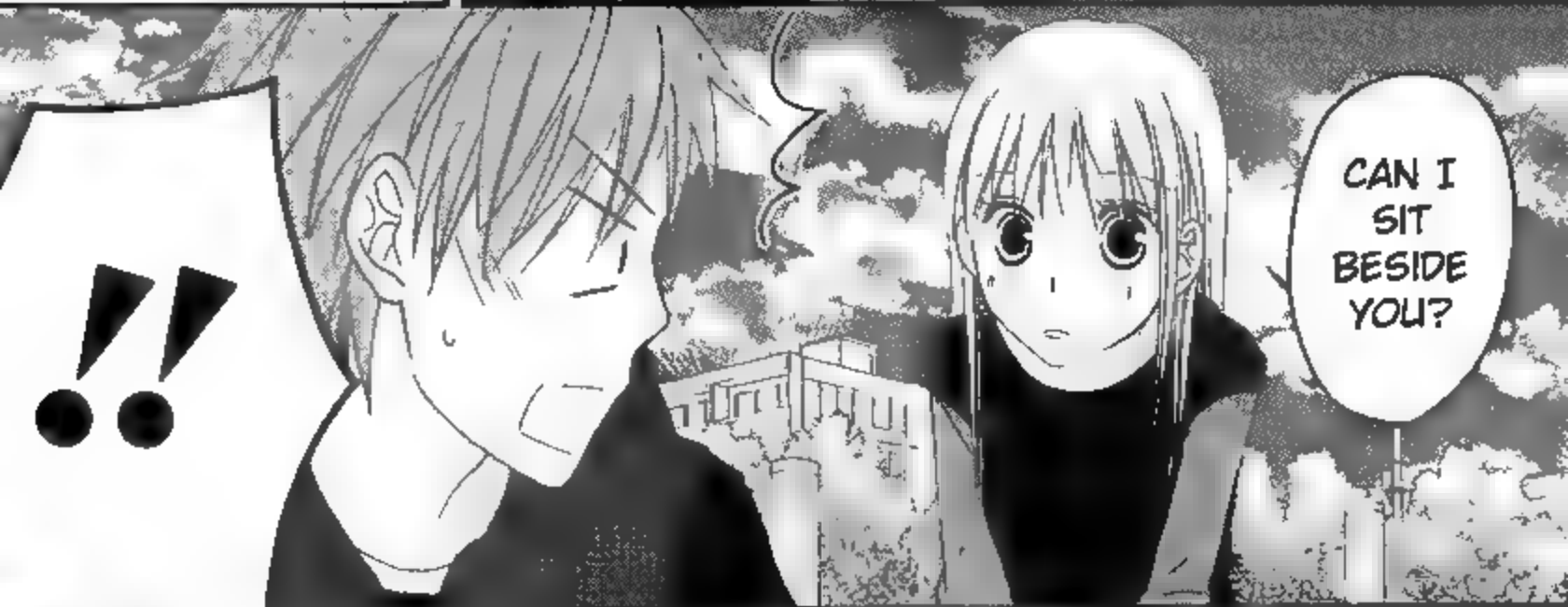
What's
with that
"adult!?"

I'm going
to become
one soon
too.



why?

When did it
happen—?



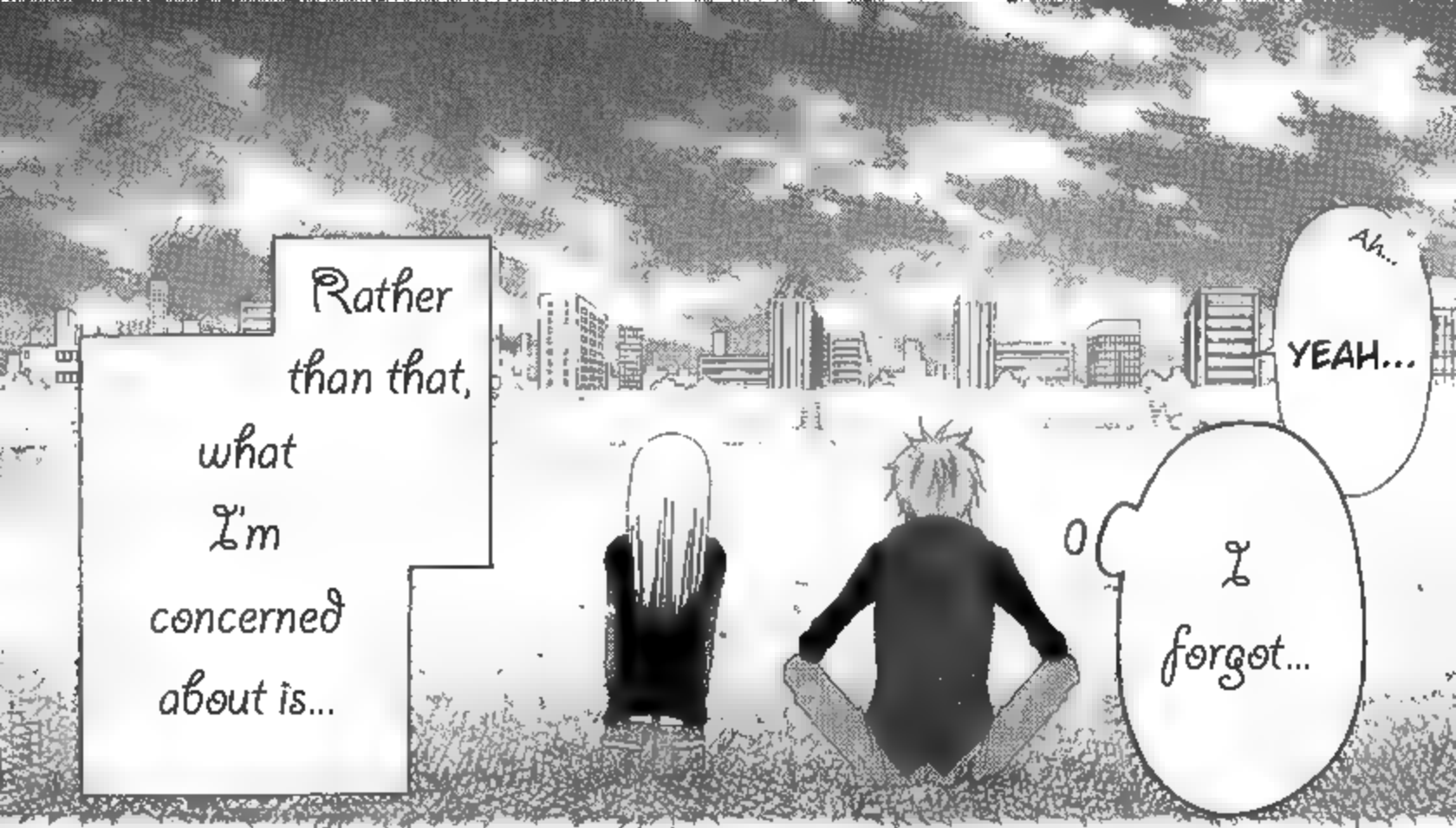
!!

CAN I
SIT
BESIDE
YOU?



I HEARD
FROM
SHOU-
KUN...
THAT HE
MADE FUN
OF YOU
JUST NOW...

...
UMMM,
SORRY
ABOUT
JUST
NOW...



Rather
than that,
what
I'm
concerned
about is...

Ah...
YEAH...

I
forgot...



HE
HAS NO
SUCH
THING...



PUTTING
THAT
ASIDE, SHI-
HARU.

YOU...
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?



THAT
GUY AT
YOUR
PART-
TIME
JOB...

?

WHAT
ABOUT
HIM?



EH?

"WHAT",
YOU ASK...?
HE MUST
HAVE SOME
ULTERIOR
MOTIVE!

HOW
WOULD I
KNOW
THAT?

ANYWAY,
WHAT'S HE
DO FOR A
LIVING? AND
WHERE'S
THEIR MUM?

DON'T SAY
THAT
ABOUT
SOMEONE

WHO'S
TRYING HARD
TO BRING UP 2
KIDS WHILE
WORKING

THAT'S... HE
HAS MANY
CIRCUM-
STANCES...

BUT
MATSUNAGA-SAN IS
WORKING AT THE
TV STATION...
THE HOURS ARE
IRREGULAR, BUT HE'S
WORKING HARD...

Irritat-
ing...

AH~ I
SEE.

WORKING
AT THE TV
STATION?

Don't
defend a
GUY

that you
don't know!



HE'S
CONCERNED
ABOUT THE EYES
OF SOCIETY AND
IS LOOKING
AFTER THEM,

BUT IN
TRUTH HE
CONSIDERS
THEM A
BURDEN.

HE'S SAYING
ALL THESE
THINGS TO
MAKE YOU
TAKE UP THE
JOB!

YOU
SHOULD AT
LEAST BE
MORE
CAREFUL...

AND...
YOU'VE
ALMOST BEEN
KIDNAPPED
BEFORE...



THAT'S
NOT
TRUE...



SOMEONE
LIKE THAT...

MATSUNA-
GA-SAN
ISN'T

IT'S NOT
LIKE
THAT...



Good morning!





Wanted...?

What's with
that...

She's accepting
my concern as a
form of "family
love"...

**I'm actually feeling
jealous as a guy.**

BECAUSE
YOU'RE
WORRIED,
RIGHT!?

YOU'RE
SAYING ALL
THOSE
THINGS



...
**Well,
fine**
...



EH!?

Not again!

YOU...

REALLY
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
ANYTHING,
HUH!?



**I
won't
let**

**I have no
intention
of backing
down.**

!?

**NA-
NAO-
KUN?**

My hand

**WE'RE
GOING
BACK!**

**snatch
away my
8 years of
work!**

**some
random
guy**



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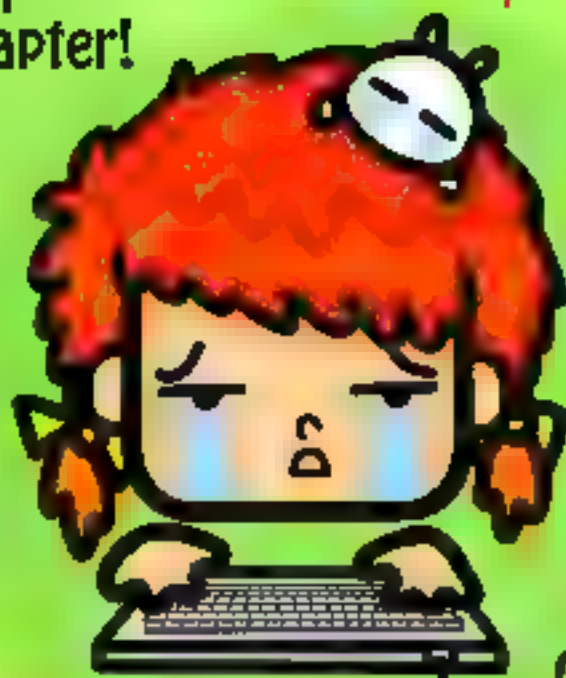
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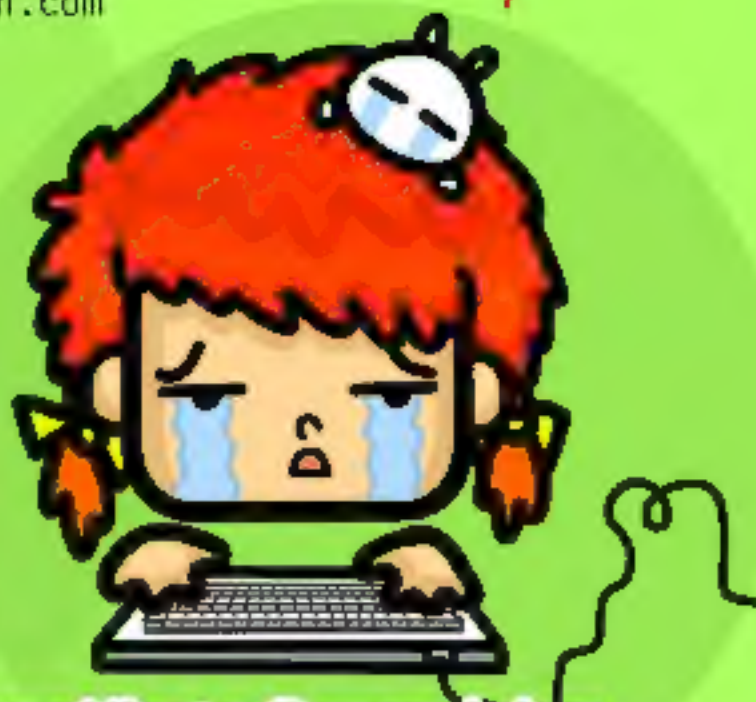
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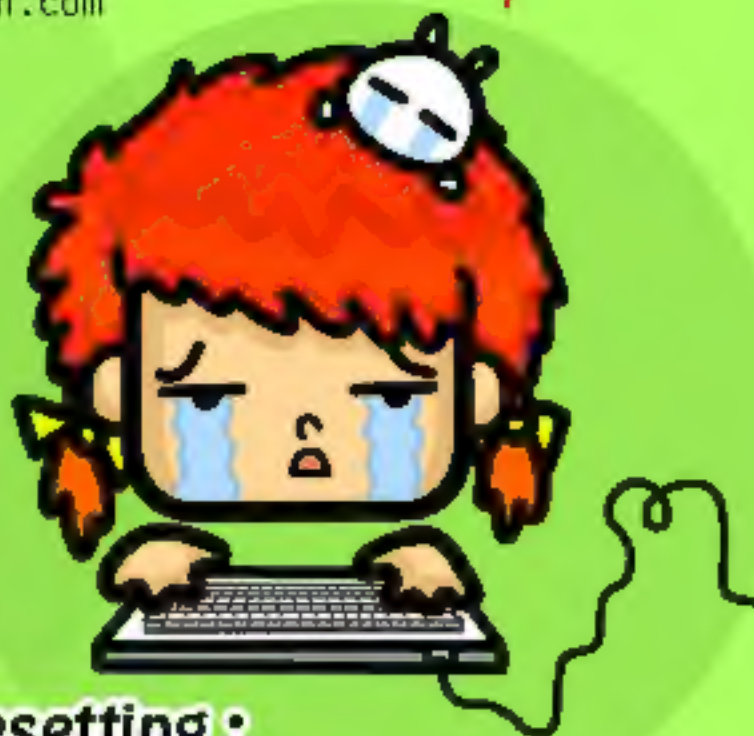
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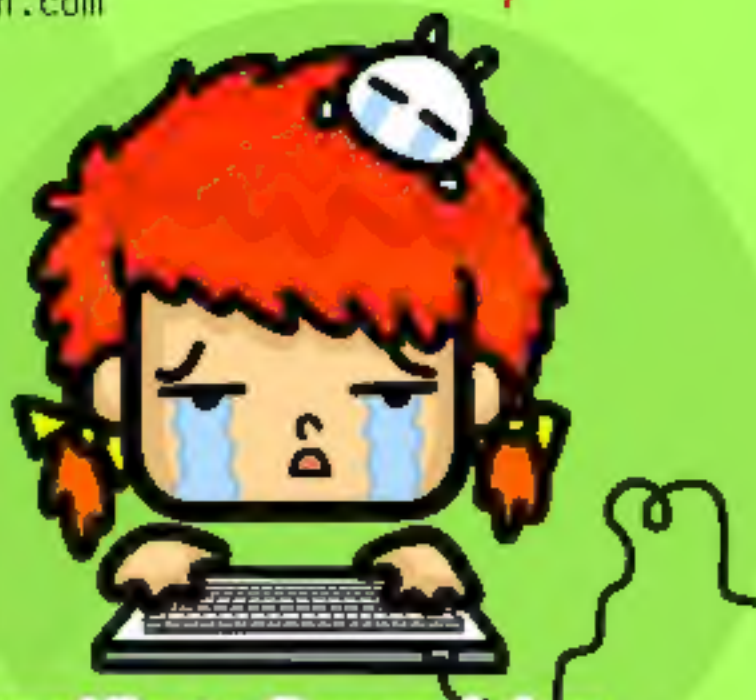
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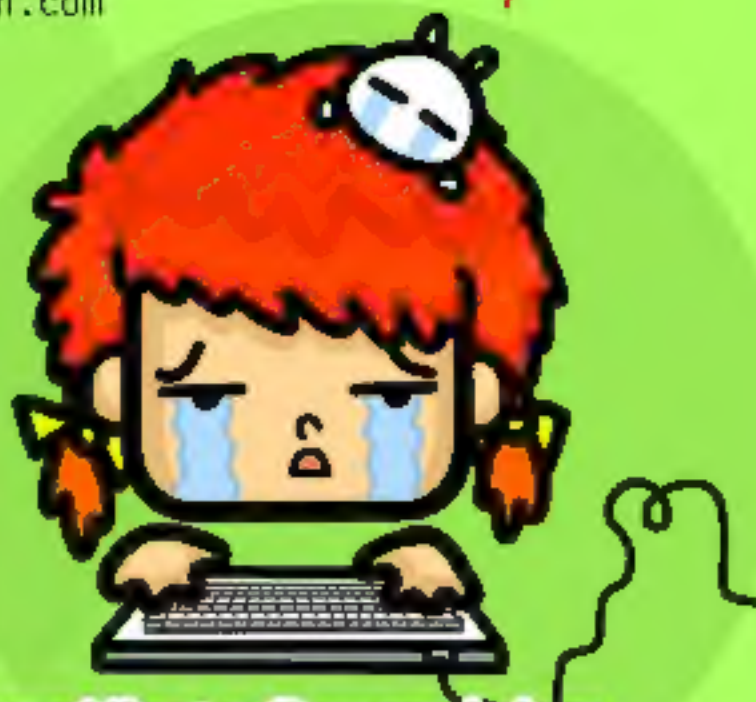
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